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dt, the West German Chancellor in talks with Mrs Thatcher, will not act in the EEC budget dispute. But both ondon feel that a solution is drawing ough the Germans believe that in a l Britain must make some concessions

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Bonn that a solution is gradu-

ally drawing nearer.
This would be a relief to the Germans, who dread a big Community crisis and want the

community crisis and want the problem out of the way so that they can get on with solving the one which is putting serious strain on its alliances and loyalties—Afghanistan.

"Crisis management" of the post-invasion situation, the need for better inter-European and transatlantic consultations

Selling Carrington

Herr Schmidt and his hosts are expected to consider ways of "selling" Lord Carrington's proposal, which is very warmly backed by the Germans, for a neutral and non-aligned Afgheaistan. The Germans think it particularly helpful if Third World countries in the area could be induced to adopt it si their own.

it as their own.
Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: It is the British Gov-

erament's hope that, after a long period of wrangling, the conditions for solving the problem of Britain's excessive EEC budget payments may now

Foreign Secretary, and Herr Genscher. This evening Herr

Schmidt and Mrs Thatcher will

join the thirtieth Königswinter conference, whose theme is

New Demands on Europe

College, Cambridge.

Solution within

regulations

for dinner at St Catherine's

It would be a mistake to sup-pose that the budget problem will be settled at Chequers so

far as figures are concerned. Both sides emphasize that that

will be a matter for the European summit next month. But

the present discussions are

expected to carry the question forward.

Herr Schmidt believes the crisis caused by the Soviet in-rasion of Afghanistan is too

serious to allow the members of the European Community to

remain divided, as they have

The reasons for his taking a

more encouraging view of the

a particular contribution to the

proposal

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prospects are, first, that it is now clear from the Commis-sion's proposals that solutions can be found within the existing treaty regulations; and, secondly, that the own re-sources system, whereby the full text of Mrs statements rather ough quotes that he German press, Community finances its own expenditure, will be safeguarded. Herr Schmidt will no doubt point out to Birs Thatcher that West Germany's financial bur-dens are also growing more heavy, through rising oil pricesoptimism is parti-couraged by the Mr Nigel Lawson higher defence spending, and increased aid to countries like Turkey, which Bonn regards as cetary to the Treahe European Comlocument on the

Oil rig overturns with 208 on board

By Staff Reporters A North Sea oil rig accommodation platform with 206 people aboard overturned in a gale

Within minutes RAP and Norwegian Air Force nelicopters were flying towards the plat-form, the Alexander Keilland, upon Tyne. Thirteen ships were diverted to the area.

The platform, a semi-submersible, built on portions on the seabed, is owned by Pittlips Petroleum in the Ekolisk field. One of its five giant legs collapsed, causing the platform, virtually an oil rig workers' hotel and recreation area, to list.

The reported position of the accommodation rig in the Eko fisk field placed it almost exactly equidistant, between belicopter rescue resources in Britain and Norway. Norwagian Air Force headquarters at Stavanger co-ordinated the the operation.

First reports from helicopters reaching the capsized rig said that survivors had been seen in the sea wearing life-jackets

or in life-rafts.

The Ekofisk field, operated by Phillip, Petroleum, an American company was the scene of the big blow-out on the Bravo rig in April 1977.

More than 22,000 tons of oil and 60 million cubic feet of natural gas spilled out of the well over the eight days, producing a slick over 150 square miles of the North Sea. The well was finally closed off by a team led by Mr Paul "Red" Adair, the Texau specialist in fighting

need for better inter-European and transatlantic consultations, and details of their "global concept" of coordinated western reaction, in which each country plays the part most suited to it, are the other important topics which the Chancellor and Herr Haus-Dietrich Genscher, his Foreign Minister, will want to discuss. "gushers".
Phillips Petroleum and the Norwegian petroleum director. ate was criticized by an official Norwegian commission of in-quiry into the accident, which occurred when a safety device 110ft below the seabed was not properly locked into place.

Mr Healey's Budget invective cheers Tories

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent,

Westminster
Mr John Biffen, Chief
Secretary to the Treasury,
answering Labour's attack on the Budget vesterday in the Commons, warned the faint-hearted on the Conservative benches that the Chancellor's strategy was for a full Parliement, and there would be no quick dash for freedom.

quick dash for freedom.
Inflation could not be killed
by a cavalier charge, and he
promised that public expenditure would not be brought
under control in the rollercoaster manner of the previous

Administration.

The Government, he said, would persist with its policies to the end and the Budget was designed to secure the time necessary for the policy to succeed. Peering into the future, Mr Biffen detected encouraging sing in the levels of pay. ing signs in the levels of pay

were indications also that monestability was being

Describing Mr Denis Healey's strategy as "a busted flush" Mr Biffen warned the Labour benches that their former Chancellor appeared to be mov-Chancellor appeared to be moving with great delicacy to-mards a disengagement from his previous stance. One of the enduring characteristics of Bud-get debates in recent years, he said, was the blend of pug-nacity, foreboding and selective charm, contributed by Mr Healey

Healey. For all his virtues, few MPs yesterday would have been in-clined to include delicacy and charm, however selective, as among Mr Healey's more obvious attractions. Like a Muhammad Ali who has run amok, he accused the Governchearing, lying,

settlements. Although many of cowardice, incompetence, ecothese were still too high, there nomic illiteracy, vindictiveness and immorality The former Chancellor, ap-

parently trying to got the best of all worlds, first claimed that the Budget was a dismal catalogue of trivia and of little consequence, only to conclude that its effect on society would be catastrophic, and that it was driving heavy gails into the coffin of British industry.

Provided that Mr Healey is not taken too seriously, he is wonderful value as a punk orator. There was no danger vesterday of his being accused, as Mr Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition, accused Sir Geult-rey Howe, Chancellor of the

Exchequer, on Wednesday, of lacking in flights of eloquence.
The Government he said, was presenting the British people with a prospectus for decline and the Chancellor had deline and the Chancellor had delivered a stunning kadate

chop to the neck of British industry, from which it would never recover. Labour MPs revelled in this sort of stuff,

and laughed themselves hoarse.

As for his description of the
Government's policy as "punk
monetarism", Mr Healey suid
that what he meant by that was a monetary policy based on half-baked understanding of half-baked dogmas. The Chan-cellor, he concluded, would not ger through the eleven-plus in economics, let alone A-levels.

The more invective that came from Mr Healey, the more Conservative. MPs seemed to cheer up, presumable on the assumption that if Labour's spokesman needed to make such

spokesman needed to make such preposterous charges, prospects for the economy could not be all that bad.

On the Government's proposals for reducing the social security benefits for the families of men on strike, Mr

being done in a way no Govern-ment had ever proposed to punish the families of murderers, rapists or thieres. It was being done for no economic, social or industrial reason, but out of sheer vindictiveness.

The biggest single thrust in the public expenditure White Paper placed the burden of savings on those least able to bear it: the old, sick, children, poor and unemployed. The Budget contained a succession of mean, vicious and violetive measures, calculated to cause unnecessary suffering to those

At the general election. Mr Healey concluded, the Conser-vative Party had appealed to fear and greed. There was now nothing left for them to appeal to but fear.

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Burmah plea.

Burmah Oil yesterday asked the High Court to order disclosure of government documents concerning the sale of the company's stake in BP to the Bank of England in 1975.

Report, page 20

Picasso going home': Pablo Picasso's anti-war painting "Guernica" (above), painted in 1937 and one of his best-known works, is likely to go to his native Spain before the end of the year. The Museum of Modern Art in New York, which has had the painting on extended loan since 1939, confirmed this today, but emphasized

that no formal agreement had been signed. (Michael Leapman writes from New York). Before he died, Picasso charged M Roland Dumas, his French lawyer, with arranging for the painting to go to Spain after a free and stable democratic system had been introduced there. Since General Franco died in 1975 Spain has been a

constitutional monarchy with an elected government.

plications for women's equal pay in Britain, ruled yesterday

that a woman was entitled to

compare her pay with that of a male predecessor in the same

Mrs Wendy Smith, a stock-

room manageress with Mecarthy's Ltd, wholesalers in pharmaceutical products in Wembley, was paid £50 a week.

£10 less than the man that had

The case now goes back to the British Court of Appeal.

which referred it to Luxembourg, for a final judgment. The court must follow the

done the job before her.

Luxembourg ruling.

Mr William Rubin, the museum's director of painting, had said the museum would give; up the work as soon as M Dumas believed the time ripe, despite 115 being a big attraction for visitors.

MP resigns as Manifesto Group treasurer

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Political Correspondent
Mr Neville Sandelson, MF for
Hillingdon, Hayes and Harlington, yesterday resigned as treasurer of the right-wing Manifesto Group of Labour MPs, a
post he has held since the group
was formed in 1975, He did so
in protest against the group's
timid attitude to the infiltration of the Labour Party by
leftwing extremists.

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He said: "The Manifesto
Group had a worthwhile philosophy, but they had no guts.
There was a total disinction. There was a total disinclination to stand up for what they believed in; they have as much courage as a paralyzed rabbit."

I asked him if he would be joining the new Labour group calling itself "Labour First" established on Tuesday by about 30 Labour MPs, including many former junior ministers, with the object of representing the mainstream of Labour opinion in Parliament and in the country.

Mr Sandelson, a barrister, replied in the negative. "They are simply a coterie of former ministers and would be ministers seeking to protect and advance their own positions."

\$2.80%;

he said. He was critical of the submis-sion made by the Manifesta Group yesterday to Mr Ron Hayward, general secretary of the Labour Party, in response to his request to all factions within the party for details of their aims, organization and financial sources.

Having submitted details, Mr George Robertson, MP for Hamilton the group's honorary secretary, added; glad to furnish the information.
... We sincerely hope you meet with as rapid and as forthrigh a response from the other groups working within the Labour Party." That was an oblique reference to the left-wing groups which are apparently able to run a apparently able to run a national organization and news-papers and which have been reluctant to disclose some of their financial sources. Mr Sandelson said: "It was

sheer hypocrisy on the part of the National Executive Committhe National English Committee to request information from the Manifesto Group, which is the most innocuous-one might

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Strikers' families will After dinner at Chequers last night, the two leaders continue their discussions titled-title this morning, before being faired by Lord Carrington, the lose £12 benefit

Political Editor

The families of all strikers, regardless of whether they are union members or on official or unofficial strike, are set to lose £12 a week from supplementary benefit, under pro-risions of a new Government social security Bill to be published today. It will probably be enacted by the autumn.

Senior ministers disclosed that last night in explaining why the Government had decided to cut through the complexities of the so-called "deeming" of strike pay by unions in favour of a straight deduction. deduction.

Had the measure been in effect during the steel strike the state could have saved about half the benefits paid to strikers' families, which ar present amount to £8m. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services told

the Commons yesterday.

The Opposition reacted vehemently even without knowing that the move would be a flat deduction; their fury will no doubt be redoubled, with a pledge to repeal if elected. "A direct attack on the trade union revenue." movement", declared Mr Stanley Orme, Labour spokesman on health and social services:

Going further, Mr Denis Healey, the shadow chancellor, DACAG the punishing the Esmilies of men and women on strike in a way in which up government, not even this one, has proposed to punish the families of murderers, rapists, or thieves. Mr Healey charged that there was no economic or social point;

sbeer voodscovebes The Government, insisting that no other country pays so much beenfit to workers on strike claims to be meeting a wide popular demand to stop "strikers living off taxpayers' money". Ministers resist the money". notion that this is a tax on striking, arguing that people have a free choice whether to strike or not, including a choice to put pressure on their union to give strike pay. They make much of the fact that the main steelworkers union has paid

not a penny strike pay during the strike. The fill is also expected to place a further restriction on strikers' family benefits. At present there is a "disregard" up to £4 of any tax rebate in calculating the allowable benefit; in future tax rebates are to be taken fully into account. The new style of the Bill is said to have the full backing of Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment

He is said to hope that the proposal will actually screng-then the band of unions leaders. At present 90 per cent of strikes are unofficial. The intention is that people will feel less inclined to strike if they have no hope of strike pay. Against this it could be argued that pressure would come for more strikes to be made offi-

The Opposition also expressed outrage over the Budget cuts short-term benefits, and ignored the increased heating allowances Mr Jenkin ap-nounced. Mr Orme said that 1928 was the last time unemployment benefit had been cut

agreed position before they go

the strike. They made that clear

at the joint negotiating com-mittee on Wednesday and the

same applies to a lot of other

craftsmen who want to see

skilled differentials restored.

stewards from all plants.

Kuwait and Iran edge oil prices higher

Oil prices are being pushed up again as both Kuwait and Iran review pricing structures. Kuwait is charging a premium on its \$27.50 a barrel price and Iran plans to raise its official Ruwait also intends to cut pro-duction by 25 per cent from the beginning of April. But its three main contractors—Shell, British Petrolcum and Gulfare likely to suffer larger cut- contracts.

Libel awards, said to be very substantial, were awarded in the High Court to Mr Alex the Righ Court to Mr Alex Park and Mr David Andrews, who were British Leyland executives, against Associated Newspapers over articles in the Daily Mail in 1977 alleging bribery and corruption at British Leyland. The newspaper had alleged that the company ran a "slush fund of millions

Student grants

Mafeking, of Boer war siege fame, has again escaped from the clutches of Boers. It is to be transferred from the Republic of South Africa to the independent homeland of Bophurhatswana. The townspeople favour the change of status. Page 8

backs. BP has already agreed a

new contract with Kuwait at

roughly a third of the old level while Shell and Guli are still

negotisting. It is believed their

basic contracts will be reduced

to the same as that of BP-

130,000 barrels a day. Kuwait

is demanding participation in

refinery or other oil company

operations in return for larger

Mafeking again

relieved

Chad battles rage Heavy fighting raged in the battered capital of Chad for the sixth consecutive day between rival southern and northern factions. The shelling was most heavy close to the cathedral where ceaselire talks were in Page 10 progress

Olympic coverage: The BBC has deferred making a decision about the total time to be allocated to broadcasting the games

Duke's protest: The Duke of Rutland told the Vale of Belvoir inquiry be was "implacably inquiry he was "implacable opposed" to plans for mining ip the arca

The North-east: Four-page Special Report on a region struggling for survival after a 40 per cent cut in Government assistance

Classified advertisements: Appointments, pages 27, 28; Car Buyers' Guide, 27; Hotels and Holidays, 28; Personal, 29, 30 rings; Geoffrey Smith on the BEC and the centre party Sport, pages 12, 13

Leader page, 17
Letters: On VAT payments and
the EEC, from Sir Derek WalkerSmith; QC, MP; on the Olympic
Games, from Lord Harris of High Pootball: AC Milan president among 14 suspended; Golf : Curtis Cup team includes 16-year-old; Cup team includes 16-year-old; Badminton: Karen Bridge seeded second in European champion-chips; Rugby Union: Laidlaw leads Scotland Tour party; Rowing: Encouraging outing for Oxford University; Racing: Uncledible Company Company

Datid Robinson finds John Cassavetes at his best in The Kill-ling of a Chinese Bookie, and reviews other new films in London; William Mann on the all-our strike. That is just bravewords to bolster flagging spirits." The electricians willnot have snything to do with gala performance of Lucreia Borgia at Covent Garden Obituary, page 18 Mai-Gen B. A. Coad, Admiral Sir

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ial flag of Zimbabwe re prominently the Zimbabwe bird, a a civilization which in the area centuries uld be superimposed five-pointed star in a e-pointed star in a

ritons held BL sends its manual workers a warning letter on discipline for disruption taries of the unions last week.

By Clifford Webb Midlands Industrial

Correspondent

Mr Raymond Horrocks, managing director of BL, has sent a strongly worded letter to each of the company's 86,000 manual workers warning them that employees who take distuptive action to prevent the implementation of a new pay and workingconditions package due on April , will be subject to disciplinary

The letter arrived at most workers' homes yesterday, about 24hrs after the union side of BL's joint negotiating committee had called for an all-out official strike in protest at the company's imposition of the pay deal. The strike is planned to start on April 8.

The company insisted last night that Mr Horrocks' letter was not intended as a management riposte to the strike call. before Neither was it intended as a national challenge to the umons. A company representative said that it was mailed on Tuesday night before the strike recommendation was made, and that the letter only repeats what Mr national union officials are due Horrocks told the general secre- to meet the joint negotiating block

By calling a strike on the same day the unions are hoping that even a limited response by workers will be sufficient to swamp the company's disciplinary machinery and make it unworkable.

Despite the outward confidence of the strike organizers there is much concern in private. The vote for strike action by the union side of the company's joint negotisting committee was by no means unanimous and the chairman's reluctance to reveal the actual figures has raised further doubts about the outcome.

. The Amalgameted Union of Engineering Workers has instructed its senior stewards to recommendation that the stoppage should be made official by all 11 BL unions.
The following

hold meetings as soon as pos-sible at all factories to enable workers to vote on the strike call. It wants the returns in Tuesday when its national executive will answer the negotiating committee's

The uniten negotiating committee has rejected the com-pany's offer of 5 per cent for most workers with a further. 5 per cent for craftsmen in favour of an improved flat-rate payment for all workers.

The controversial 92-page document setting out company proposals for urgently needed reforms in working practices remains the big stumbling

Luxembourg backs claim for equal pay The Europegh' Court of Justice in Lurembourg, in a decision with/considerable im-

price by about \$2 from April 1.

Libel damages over 'slush fund'

Five questioned on bullion theft

Five men were being questioned by police about the theft from a lorny in east London on Monday of 13m of silver bullion. At the same time a 1300,000 reward, thought to be the largest offered in Britain, was offered by loss adjusters for the recovery of the 10 tons of silver Page 5

protest expected Student grants are to rise by 13.7 per cent in the autumn, a

reaction from the National Union of Students, who were claiming 36 per cent. Their president predicted rent strikes over the decision

It also originally intended that the stewards would meet in ser coordinate picketing on April Cross and Lord Harris of High Cross and Lord Harris of Greenwich as one engineering union convener said last night.

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£85m extra in fuel subsidy for needy, and pensioners' insulation grant rises by £4m

Social Services Correspondent The Government is to spend en extra £85m next winter on its new fuel subsidy scheme for the poor. In addition, help to pensioners through loft insula-tion grants will be increased by £4.2m in England.

The new measures will help about two million people with direct cash benefits, including 123,000 more elderly people, through either the supplemen-tary benefits or family income supplements schemes.

Announcing the new scheme in the Commons yesterday, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, said there would be a "fail safe" arrangement to reach severely disabled people not receiving help through the supplemen-tary benefit scheme.

The total cost of the fuel subsidy scheme will be £200m. double the amount spent last year and considerably more generous than expected. It will not, however, reach a large number of people, particularly pensioners, who were helped by the previous electricity discount

Broadly, the new scheme extends the one brought in last year to cover elderly people and year to cover elderly people and families with children under five receiving supplementary benefit, and all families receiving family income supplement.

From November, the auto-matic payment of heating addi-tions to pensioners aged 75 or over will be extended to those

The number of heating additions is to be reduced

Correspondent Officials of the Department

of Education and Science are to meet local authority repre-

sentatives today to interpret and explain the Government's

expenditure plans announced in the White Paper on Wednes-

The local authorities are cer-

tain to bring up the question of "cash limits". In its rate support grant settlement for the

financial year starting in April

The two higher rates of £1.90 and £2.85 a week will be merged and raised to £3.40 a week. That will give: an increase of almost four-fifths to 350,000 people receiving heating additions with their benefits.

For FIS families, the £1 a week extra paid last year as a recognition of their fuel needs will be doubled to £2. The FIS levels themselves are being raised substantially to increase by about 12,000 to 92,000 the number of families receiving a supplement. The maximum amount of FIS payable will rise from £13.50 to £17 a week, for a family with one child.

Grants to elderly people on low income towards the cost loft insulation will be increased from 66 per cent to a maximum of £50, to 90 per cent to a maximum of £70.

The change will apply to elderly people receiving either supplementary pensions or rent or rate rebates in England, and similar schemes are to be introduced for old people in the rest of the United Kingdom.

The earnings rule for pensioners, under which pensions are reduced when their earnings exceed 552 a week is not to be altered. It has been raised in line with inflation, but Mr Jenkins said that it could not be afforded this year. He did not, however, rule out a decision after November to ease the earnings rule and said they were still committed to the eventual abolition of the

amount has been included to make a "realistic allowance"

for exceptional wage increases arising from the Clegg commis-

Local authorities will tell the department officials that they will not be able to follow the

Government's plans for educa-tion if, as they expect, wage and price inflation is above that allowed for in the cash

sion's comparability studies.

Education authorities to query cash limit plans

An unspecified additional England and Wales assumed by

raised to £1.40, an increase of ployment benefit for people over 60 and receiving occupational pensions of more than f35 a week. Three previous governments have tried similar moves, but have been defeated

each time by Parliament. Other changes announced yesterday showed that additions to benefit for children whose parents receive shortterm benefits will be half that of the additions applied to longterm benefits.

That brought immediate protests from the National Council for One Parent Families, which claimed that lone parents were being swindled out of £8m. more than offsetting the extra £7m given to them in the child benefit premium. Age Concern was also un-

happy at the disclosure that the increase in benefit rates in November would take place 54 weeks after the last one. Single pensioners would lose £7.70 and married couples £12.30 as a

Mr. Jenkin's officials indicated, that the next benefit increase will be 52 weeks after this year's.

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Mr lenkin confirmed that a
Bill will be introduced, with a
second reading soon after the
Easter recess, to legalize the
more controversial proposals to
drop price protection for shortterm benefits and reduce
supplementary benefits for
stricts.

The five per cent reduction this November, which will affect invalidity benefit and maternity allowances as well as unemploy ment and sickness benefit, was an interim measure pending bringing them into tax, he said. Mr Jenkin is also to attempt But there was no guarantee that to limit the amount of unem-

the Government in its expen-diture plans for 1980-81 is im-possible to achieve, not least be-

cause the power to raise £20m

in charging for school trans-port has been removed.

spend the money in the way it intends. It can only express

the hope that the provision laid down in its Public Expenditure

White Paper will be adhered

ned by the present Government is 5.5 per cent lower for 1980-

The Government cannot

Benefits themselves will not be taxed under the proposals. but they will count as income for tax purposes. The effect will be that those who are in and out of work will pay more tax on their earnings and bene-fits combined, while those who become unemployed for whatever reason for most of the tax year are unlikely to pay extra

The proposals to modify earnings-related supplements in January are expected to bring about 10,000 more people on short-term benefits into supplementary benefit.

When the supplements are completely abolished in the next year, another 90,000 people will be brought onto supplementary benefits and an extra 1,000 stall will be needed to process their

Professor David Donnison chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, which is being abolished in November, said yesterday that he was pleased that the supplementary benefit safety net was being preserved by increasing the rates in line with prices.

But the package of measures represented something more complicated than an attack on the poor. Basic principles were being abandoned.

Priority for the family was clearly not a policy of the present Government, since tax allowances were keeping pace with prices but child benefits ment, has rejected anerbative proposals put forward by the local authority associations, but he and Mr Tom King, Minister for Local Government, are conwere not Getting people back to work and bringing unemployment down was no longer a priority, and nor was getting

the Labour government in the last Public Expenditure White

Paper, and 10 per cent lower than the last government's

Nursery education has suf-fered particularl ybadly. While

the last government made pro-vision for the number of under-

fives receiving nursery educa-tion to increase by 20 per cent over the five-year period, up to a total of 602,000 in 1982-83, the

present Government is planning

for a fall in numbers from 520,000 this year to 476,000 in 1982-83.

plans for 1982-83.

Policy switch Powers for Stormont over least contention Cabinet to study new Ulst by city councils on

block grant

By Christopher Warman

The Association of Metro-politan Authorities decided yesterday to end its policy of

total opposition to the Govern-ment's plan to introduce a block

grant system for financing local

By 39 votes to 35 its policy committee decided to allow

association officers to resume work on developing the system

to try to mitigate its worst

The Labour minority on the

committee were bitterly critical about this change of policy and Mr Jack Smart, group leader, described it as a "sellout" by the Conservative

majority.
Sir Godfrey Taylor, the association chairman, rejected the accusation that he was running

away from the fight. "I oppose the imposition of a block grant,

the imposition of a block grant, and it is not my intention to let it go through the House of Commons by default, he said. "We will still fight it, but if we cannot defeat the principle, I hope we can make it acceptable to some degree."

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secre-

ment, has rejected alternative

cerned at their continued oppo-

Earlier this week Mr King told the standing committee on the Local Government Planning

they were prepared to consider

further constructive amend-ments that could incorporate

any additional safeguards con-sistent with the principles. any additional safeguards con-

vince the Conservative group on the association to soften

their attitude and resume dis

Their attack will now be con-

centrated on the constitutional

change involved, for they see the balance of central and local

relationships shifting towards greater central control of local

authorities with the introduc-

tion of the new grant system.
Mr Smart said central govern-

ment's attitude was incompre-hensible in the light of local government's record. "Our record is one of total responsi-

bility and true accountability to those who elect us," he said. "The Bill, if not amended, will

destroy local government and

destroy local government and local democracy as we know it."
He rejected the Government's Insistence on punishing the big spenders. He said: "Those being accused by the Government as big spenders are not people who are wanting to defy the Government for political reasons, but they are people who care and we have to face.

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serve the community."

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Local Government .

Correspondent

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From Christopher Thomas

Within six to eight weeks the Government is likely to reveal its ideas for the establishment of an elected administration in

of an elected administration in Northern Ireland.

The strategy is being built around a cautious especiation that a form of parliamentary government, perhaps with powers only over the least contentious issues, can be operational within 15 to 18 months. It is beyond doubt that Westminster intentic to ity to exert its will over what is seen by many political seen by many political observers as the most urgent crisis besetting the United Kingdom after the economy

and Western defence.
The ingredients of the next political move will be prepared by the policy divisions of the Northern Ireland Office in London inconsultation with an inner circle of Cobiner

ministers.
They are Mr Francis Pym, Secretary of State for Defence and briefly a former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Wilson Whitelaw, the Home Secretary and former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, I and Heillerman Secretary Ireland, Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancel-lor, and Mr Humphrey Arkins,

The five ministers are to meet next week to assess the Stor-

mont constitutional talks, which adjourned on Monday after sixing for 21 days since January 7. The talks had become deadlocked over power sharing, but the atmosphere, significantly, remained friendly. stanci Mrs Margaret Thatcher re-ceived a report from Mr Atking at a 45-minute meeting on Wed nesday. There are no immediate plans to report to the full

Mr Arkins hopes to present ideas to Parliament in May. One possible procedure is to publish what is being called a green edged. White Paper, which would include discussion elemans akin to a Green Paper. Rather than fastening on to a single proposal, the White Paper may set out a narrow. range of options for political re-form which could be taken to Northern Ireland for extensive consultations before a full par-

liamentary debate. As a vital element of those consultations, Mr Atkins wants reconvene the Stormont conference, but at this stage the only party representing the minority community at the talks, the Social Democratic, and

Minister faces medical staff on hours protest

By Our Health Services Correspondent

and Land Bill, which includes the block grant proposal, that the Government were deter-mined to proceed with the basic principles of the grant. He emphasized, however, that Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister of State for Health, was confronted by 200 angry radio-graphers, physiotherapists and speech therapists at Westminster Hall yesterday protesting over the extension of hours recommended for them by the Clegg comparability commis-

> Dr Vaughan told the protestors, who had earlier taken part in a 4,000 strong march through London, that no one would suffer a pay cut as a result of the Clegg report. The Covernment was as supplied Government was as surprised by its recommendations as they

The report recommended that the working week of paramedical staff be extended to 371 hours. Rediographers work 35 hours a week, physiotherapists
36 hours and speech therapists
33 hours.

Although the commission

recommended pay increases of 15 per cent, many of the staff wanted to continue their old hours would suffer a pay

Dr Vaughan said that he knew several groups would suffer serious cuts in salary if the recommendations were implemented. A radiographer superintendant grade 1 would

lose £455, a speech therapist teacher would lose £872 and an occupational therapist teacher £291. He understood that radiographers were also worried about the health bazards of working longer bours.

But the management side of the Whitley Council had offered a "no detriment" provision to ensure that staff continuing their present bours of work would continue to receive their existing salary if that was more favourable than a pro-rate adjustment of the pay scales recommended by the standing commission, he said. They had also indicated a willingness to discuss further

the details of a protection arrangement of this sort. No one was being compelled to work longer hours, nor was there any question of a cut in "Like the management side,

I am anxious to give further consideration to the question of protection of salaries and workng hours", he said.
Dr Vaughan said that the

Government would wait to see what happened at the meeting of the Whitley Council next Monday before it took any action. The Government had thought it was being beloful in promising to honour any recom-mentations of the Cirgs com-

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regrets limited aid for fuel bills

By Robin Young Consumer Affairs Correspondent

The Electricity Consumers' Council expressed disappointment last night that the Government had not done more to extend eligibility for assistance intende dto help the poor to meet their fuel bills.

The council said they were concerned that many pensioners not claiming supplementary benefit, but qualifying for rent and rate reductions, would not get increased heating allow-

They had also hoped that allowances might be extended to families on supplementary benefit wih children under 11. The new arrangements are unchanged; only families with children under five qualify. Mr Toby Harris, the council's spokesman, added that they were sceptical about "Delphic

utterances" promising full-sufe arrangements to help the disabled who were not receiving heating ellowances, and extra assistance to needy pensioners to help them to insulate their

Consumers' body | Mixed reaction to rise in cost of prescriptions

By Annabel Ferriman Health Services Correspondent

The rise in prescription charges from 70p in April to £1 in December was criticized yesterday by the Pharmaceurical Society, but accepted by the British Medical Association.

A representative of the society said: "Pharmacists have always been opposed to such measures, which are wrong in principle. Although about 60 principle. Although about per cent of the population is exempted, the remaining 40 per cent include people requiring long-term medication who suf-fer real hardship in conse-quence of these charges."

Lambeth, urged them to keep up the pressure. "Mr King's offer is a blindfold before you are shot, and you will be shot unless you stand firm", he said. The BMA said: "If sufficient resources for the National Health Service cannot be raised from direct taxation, then alternative finance needs to be Mr Jeremy Beecham, New-castle upon Tyne, said there was a big difference between high spending and big spending. found, including prescription charges at rates which would ruise additional funds.

"Doctors will want to ensure that people who need medicines should not be discouraged from obtaining them because of charges."

Manifesto Group have no guts,

Continued from page 1 amounts from publications is relate almost say, most feeble of from membership subscriptions, philosof groups—with nothing whatso. In a declaration of their present come the difficulties facing the ever to hide, when we all know that the NEC has turned a blind eye for several years on the entry into the Labour Party of Trotskyist and militant factions with a reservoir of funds from unknown sources.

"The NEC is simply trying to drag red herrings across the rail, and the Manifesto Group should have stood up and told them so. Profound questions of self-respect must now be faced by every Labour MP."

In their submission to Mr Hayward, the Manifesto Group made it clear that their only in overcoming the country's source of finance, apart from a acute economic difficulties; Rowntree Trust grant which had now ended, and other minor structive discussion designed to

accounts from January, 1976, to November 25, 1977, the group shows income of £150 as the residue from a 1976 Rowntree Grant. subscriptions of £100, and 1977 subscriptions of £114. Mr Robertson explained that membership was confined to members of the Parliamentary Labour Party, including peers who took the Labour whip.

Their aims and objectives were: "To work for the implementation of the policies see out in the Labour Manifesto and to support a Labour Government

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Pay offer of 19% in private sector will be quoted by steel unions at inquiry

By Paul Routledge

abour Editor
The two sides in the national steel strike will today complete the preparation of their evidence to the Lever inquiry against a background of rising wage agreements in the private

Officials of the dominant union in the dispute, the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (ISTC), said last night that 200 workers at the West Midlands Firsteel plant had been offered an average increase of 19 per cent. The company is a sub-sidiary of Lourho, which is interested in purchasing the closure-threatened. Shotton closure-threasened Shotron works of the British Steel Corperation (BSC). At the public inquiry, which

opens romorrow, the ISTC will be arguing the case for rises of per cent for 135,000 state steel workers, whose strike is now well into its thirteenth week. One of its supporting arguments will be that the private sector of the steel industry has been able to afford increases in that region, Lord Lever of Manchester, sixing with Sir Richard Marsh,

By Our Labour Staff

Printing employers last night

emphasized their determination

to stand firm against "guer-rilla" industrial action being

taken by the National Graphical

Association in pursuit of a pay

The British Printing Indus-

launch a tighting fund

tries Federation (EPIF), with some 3,000 member companies,

totalling several million pounds next week to support any com-pany affected by NGA action.

In addition to affecting the general printing industry, the

NGA action is also disrupting

production of provincial news-

Printing firms to fight

chairman of the British Iron Peter Bill writes: Possibilities and Steel Consumers' Council, and Mr William Keys, general secretary of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, will adjudicate on a joint discument whose value in terms of pay rises the BSC and the unions cannot agree.

The union side will argue in

favour of a 14 per cent rise across the board plus a guaranteed five per cent for agreeing to negotiate local productivity The BSC management will

favour confining the national award to 10 per cent all round, plus one three-month payment of four per cent, to encourage the unions to negotiate job-saring deals in the steelworks.

Lord Lever may keep tomorrow's session going until late

in the evening, so that the pub-lic part of the inquiry can he concluded in one day. That would leave Sunday free for private deliberations on the evidence the inquiry team has

The inquiry's report and recommendations are likely to be published early next week, pos-sibly on Monday.

papers throughout the country. The Newspaper Society, which

represents provincial news-papers, and the BPIF are also

urging their companies not to

sign local interim deals with the union, whose action has

taken the form of overtime

bans and holding mandatory

ciation on Wednesday during

the Budget statement in the

Commons deprived newspapers

of the national news agency's

service for two and a half

meetings in working time. A mandatory meeting by 25 telegraphists at the Press Assoof the Shotton works of BSC being taken over by Lonrito are to be examined by senior executives of the trading group at the beginning of next week. The BSC is already starting in pay redundancy money to nearly 7,000 of its workers at

The prospects for the works being acquired by Lonrho are not considered high, since the corporation has always made it clear that it considers the fireshing end of the works. a critical element in its future an ategy.

Shotton

Sir Keith Joseph. Secretary of State for Industry, yesterday ruled out any pussibility of the Government's providing taxpayers' money to support a takeover of BSC plants by the Duckers' gecision: Three hun-

dred dock workers at Ipswich yesterday agreed to back a directive by the Transport and General Workers' Union not to allow future cargoes of steel to leave the port (the Press Association reports).

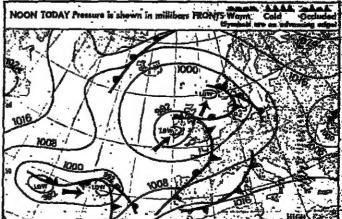
Hostel death remand

Miss Peggy Elsie Irene Chiswell, aged 66, was remanded in custody for a week by magistrates at Willesden, London yesterday charged with the murder of one of the nine women who died in a hostel fire in Kilbura, north London last week.

Lloyds' computer

Lloyds Bank has ordered two large IBM 3033 computers costing about 16m as part of a doubling of the bank's computer capacity.

Weather forecast and recording



Today i.45 am Full moon : March 31.

Full moon: March 31.

Lighting up: 7.57 pm to 6.13 am.
High water: London Bridge, 12.40
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11.3m. Dover, 10.42 am, 5.7m;
10.48 pm. 6.0m. Hull, 5.23 am,
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W and Central N England. East
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at first, becoming brighter and
drier: wind SW, moderate, increasing to fresh. to strong,
locall gale: max temp 6 to 10°C

(50° to 52°F).

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strong: max temp 7 20,8°C (45°.

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Strait of Dover: Wind SW, fresh
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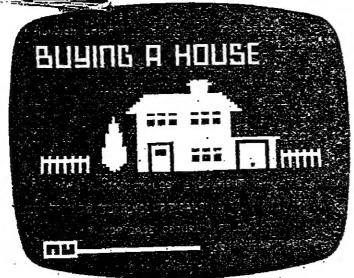
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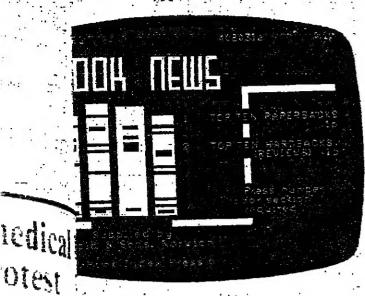
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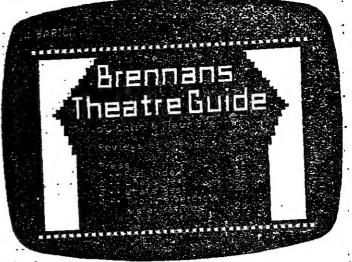




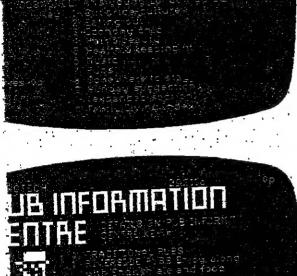


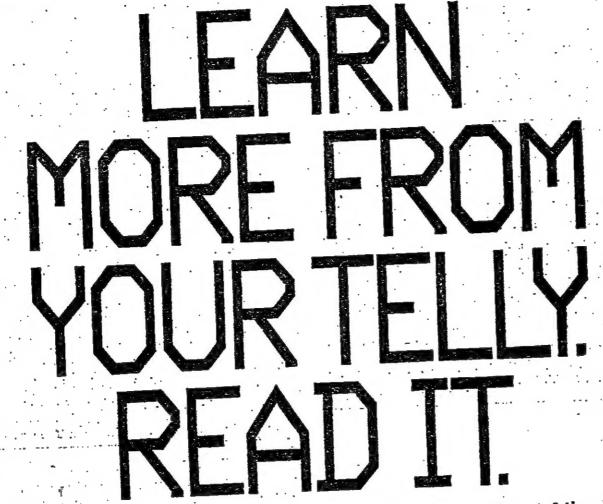


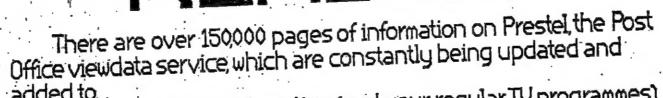












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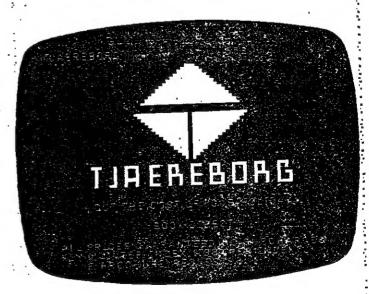
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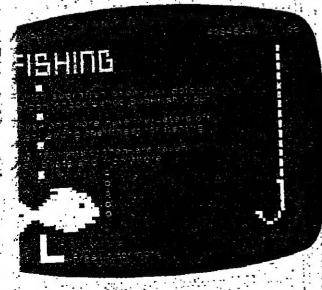
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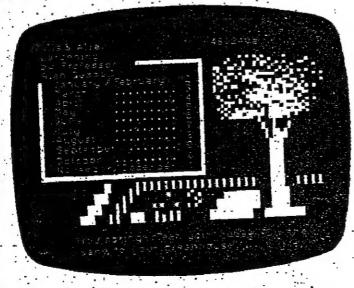




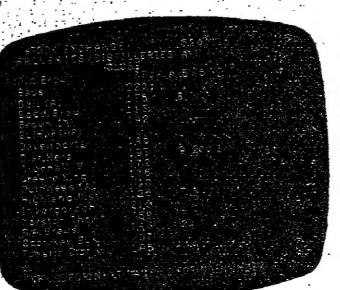




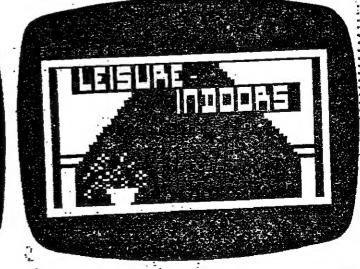














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Student rent strikes predicted as grants increase by only 14.7%

Student grants are to go up although the Govesnment estimates that students need 19.7 per cent to keep abreast of

Claiming 36 per cent.

Announcing the new rates for 1980-81 in the Commons yesterday, Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that the increase took account of the expected rise in living costs over the coming academic year and the rise in student costs since the last triennial review

of grants.
"But it also allows for an abatement by about five per-centage points as a contribution to the Government's policy of restraining public expenditure The reaction from students was swift and angry. Mr Trevor Phillips, president of the National Union of Students, predicted rent strikes and strike on campuses where fees for resi-dence halls were increased above that allowed for in the

"It will be a hot summer", he said. "If the Government wants to play dirty with us, we can only play rough with them.

from home in London are to rise from £1,485 to £1,695; for those living away from home outside London from £1,245 to £1,430; and from £985 to £1,125 for students living at home. Supplementary grants will also

be increased. The minimum maintenance gernt, which all students receive regardless of parental income, is to go up from £335 to £385; and the starting point for contributions from parents will be raised from a residual income of £4,700 to £5,800. The Government estimates that as a result a further 10,000 parents will be relieved from paying any contribution to-wards their children's main-

The total cost of mandatory student awards for the 355,000 eligible students in higher education in Britain is expected to be about £400m in 1980-81. The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals said that it was "dismayed" that the increase in the student grant was insufficient to cover the increase in the cost to universities of providing board and lodging for their students, ants to play dirty with us, we which universities were not an only play rough with them. allowed to subsidize from their The maximum rates for general income.

Universities to get 14% rise in recurrent grant

The Government has allowed for a 14 per cent increase in pay and prices, in the grant for universities for 1980-81, Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told the Commons yesterday.

The recurrent grant for the coming year would be £987m. That was a cash limit. It pro-vided grants for home students at about the same level, in real terms, as in the present academic year, he said.

Admissions of home students for 1980-81 were expected to number 75,000; that was about the same level as for 1979-80. The 6 per cent cut in the admission of home students mentioned by the University Grants Committee in its letter last August seems to have been

The Public Expenditure White Paper, published on Wednesday, speaks of a "small reduction" of home students in higher education. However, that reduction, expected to be about 2 to 3 per cent is planned to take place universities.

in colleges outside the university sector. Hose postgraduate numbers in

universities are expected to remain at about 30,000. No provision has been made in theuniversities' grant for overseas students beginning new courses in 1980-81, as uni-versitie sare expected to recover their cost through the new full-cost fees.

The £987m grant included ar

earmarked sum of £5m which was to be made available to universities, on the recommendation of the Universities
Grants Committee, "to help
ensure that uncertainty about seas students does not adversely affect selected postgraduate work of particular im-portant to this country, while universities are adjusting to the policy of full cost fees for overseas students", Mr Carlisle

The grant did not include £1.6m thatthe Government was providing in 1980-81 to help outstanding research students from overseas to attend British

Pre-holiday patrol for poison on beaches

By a Staff Reporter

An intensive sweep of south coast beaches where canisters of lethal arsenic trichloride are being washed up is being made to ensure their safety for the Easter holidays, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, said yester-

In a parliamentary written reply to Mr Terence Higgins, Conservative MP for Worthing, he said that most of the lethal canisters from the Tunisian ship, Tozeur, had been found. Altogether 32 of the 40 canisters known to have been lost from the ship when it passed through the Channel earlier this

year have been recovered.

The intensive check of Isle of Wight beaches and a special patrol of other affected south coast beaches would be made before the Easter holidays. In the past three months some 3,500 containers have been col lected, about 1,500 on the Isle of Wight. Although many contained small quantities of chemicals, most did not present unusual hazards. Between 20 and 40 per cent are thought to have come from the Greek freighter, the Asolian Sky, which sank 12 miles east of Portland Bill last November.

r Heseltine said he had been impressed by the efforts of local authorities, coastguards, fire brigades and the police to see the heaches are kent as

clear and safe as possible. He urged parents, however, that containers found can be hazardous and they should warn children not to touch them. "It is never possible to guard against every risk, but exceptional vigilance has been and will be displayed this winter and spring to clear beaches on the Isle of Wight and elsewhere

Night ferry rail service to Paris may end

The night ferry train from London to Paris and Brussels may be discontinued in the

Mounting losses and a drop in passengers have prompted French Railways, which own the outdated, first-class sleeping cars used on the service, to seek British Rail's approval for the British Rail sleeping car attendants have staffed the train since 1977.

An average of 65 passengers travel on the train to Paris, paying £128.90 for a first-class ticket, British Rail said Decreasing importance of council homes underlined in White Paper

'Shelter' calls housing cuts irresponsible

Planning Reporter

The cuts in public expenditure on housing, announced in las Wednesday's White Paper, ere remarkable for two reasons.

One is that they are far larger, in real terms, than those applied to any other important sector. The other is that they underline a deep seated Con-servative belief that council housing should, end will, play a decreasing part in meeting the nation's needs.

Immediate reaction, however, has been sparse and surpris-ingly muted. Predictably the angriest response yesterday came from Shelter, which called for the resignation of Mr John Stanley, Minister for Housing and Construction. "It is without question the

most socially irresponsible housing plan put forward by any government during this cen-tury". Mr Neil McIntosh, Shelter's derector, said. The Royal Institute of British Architects said that the White

Paper and the Budger had between them delivered body

3 sentenced

men held in

police cells

A Lebour MP is to raise in the Commons the case of three

sentenced prisoners who had to spend a night in police cells because Wormwood Scrubs could not accommodate them.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, MP for Ormskirk, has tabled a question to Mr William White-law, Home Secretary, asking how many prisoners, whether

on remand, awarting sentence or sentenced and in transit,

have to spend time in police cells because of serious over-crowding in Britain's prisons. The Home Office has con-

who were in court on Monday, had to spend the night at a

police emergency holding centre in Lambeth, south London, before being transferred to Woranwood Scrubs next day.

A spokesman said that the prisoners stay at Lambeth was

not planed. Although it hap-

pened occasionally, it was some-thing the Home Office tried to avoid "at all costs". Mr Kilroy-Silk said yesterday

that the prison population had passed the 44,000 mark.

He was seriously concerned

that overcrowding could mean

that some prisoeners now had to spend some time in police

cells, which were not covered by statutory prison rules.

firmed that the three prison

By Craig Seton

blows to the construction in-dustry. But the Association of not prepared at this stage to issue any comment.

Both the AMA and the Association of District Councils ere, of course, siready at log-gerheads with the Government over spending controls and, as they are both Conservativecontrolled, may well not want to exacerbate the situation.

Certainly the White Paper figures are striking. They show that total public housing expenditure has already fallen from £7.154m in 1974-75 to £5.372m in the current financial year, at 1979 prices, and is forecast to be no more than £2,790m Over a single decade that

represents a cut of more than 60 per cent, something that would have been untimisable in the 1950s and 1960s, when housing was the dominant domestic political issue. Compared with the days

successive Conservative and Labour governments were vying to achieve targets of 400,000 new houses a year or

blows to the construction industry. But the Association of the were started last year, and Merropolitan Authorities was of those fewer than a third were in the public sector.

The Government would certainly deny any suggestion that it has deliberately decided to wield the axe on bouse building because there are no longer any votes in housing. It would also disagree with Mr McIntosh's use of the word

paper projections do not comprise a strategy but merely reflect the trend of the last few years. Even without the need to reduce public expen-dance, it is said, there would be no point in making in creased provision for council house building when so many authorities have been consis-tently underspending on their

The reasons why authorities underspend are complex. In many cases, particularly in smaller and medium-sized towns, they do not believe that demand justifies further building on any substantial scale. In the larger urban areas,

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row money. The Government is pinning much faith on alternatives to council housing, in particular a regeneration of the moribund private rented sector-

weighted to assist areas where needs of all kinds are most pressing, housing allocations are not grants et all but simply

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But it critics argue that in that case it should be diverting more resources to renovation and improvement programmes and should display a less luke-warm attitude to bodies like housing associations.

Youth is led from Kelly inquest after boy alleges assault

Liverpool

The police led a youth out of the inquest yesterday on James Kelly, the Liverpool man who died last year in police custody, after he had been identified by a teenage witnes os one of a sang who had beaten him up for making statements supporting the police.

The incident took place after Michael Ray, aged 17, had told Mr George Carman, QC, for the Police Federation and four individual officers, that he had recognized one of his attackers during a brief adjournment carrier

Later the youth was released without being charged and told to report to the police in a fort-

Michael Ray and his brothers, Colin, aged 15, and Grahom, aged 14, of Barkbeth Road, Huyton, hove said that they witnessed the arrest of Mr Kelly half an hour before he died and did not see the police punching or kicking him. They have said they have been beaten up and threotened since making their statements to the police

Mr Andrew Rankin, QC, for the Chief Constable of Mersey-side, has said their allegations are being investigated by a superintendent from the Mersevside force.

After Michael Ray said he had recognized his attacker, he stood up and soid he could see

have been found guilty before they start, the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs

was told yesterday. The committee is investigating the use

Mr Leonard Woodley, a Trinidad-born barrister, who is

a member of the executive committee on the National Council for Civil Liberties, (NCCL), said the defendant was usually faced with his word

the person in court. At Mr Carman's request h edid not identify him. He said, however, that he was prepared to iden-nify his assailant to the super-intendent in charge of inquiries. Later that brought a protest from Mr Rankin, who said the information about the identifi-cation had been communicated to Mr Carman on a "counsel to counsel" basis and should not have been made public.

Mr Rankin said the person involved was not a member of the Kelly family. He added: "There is no evidence of any kind that any member of the family has participated or in

any way been responsible. There were third parties who might act foolishly. Later Mr Ronald Lloyd the coroner, egreed with Mr Car-

man that the results of the police investigation should be brought before the inquest. Michael Ray said in evidence that he saw Mr Kelly roll over after falling down and later, when the police arrived, he was shouting at them "Come on man

The policeman tried to get Mr Kelly into their car but he was struggling, kicking his legs about and swinging his arms. He did not see the policemen bitting Mr Kelly. "All they did was to try and restrain him", he added.

He agreed with Mr Carman that it would be a "wicked lie"

But Mr Woodley, who has acted for the defence in many "sus" cases, said he believed that a substantial amount,

perhaps half, of convictions

He was giving evidence to-gether with Miss Patricia Hewitt, general secretary of the NCCL. He said that the law should be scrapped so that

Trial by judge and jury urged in place of 'sus' la

to say Mr Kelly had been beaten up by the police. Cross-examined by Mr Gilbert

Gray, QC, for the Kelly family, he agreed that he had been charged with setting fire to a car and had been awaiting trial. Mr Gray said: "When you told this jury that since the Kelly incident you have been Kelly incident you have been attacked and struck in the face two or three times a week, that is about 90 times since June last year, that is not true is it?"

The boy replied: "It is not that many times. I have been hit, though."

He agreed with Mr Carman that his family had had no trouble in the neighbourhood before Mr Kelky's death, but a great deal of trouble since.

He told Mr Gray that he ran have her was her week her was he was away last week because he was-scared he might be jumped on at the inquest. He denied that he was making up allega-tions about being attacked by gangs of youths "as he was

going along". Mr Rankin said that one statement had already been taken on the allegations and two more were being sought. If more were being sought. If there was substance in them they would lead to prosecution. Mr Gray said that during a visit by the jury to the area of waste ground in Huyton where Mr Kelly had been arrested, a photographer with the Liverpool Echo newspaper had his film seized by the police.

The hearing continues today.

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Local people 'overawed' at meeting about Lakes plan

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More criticism of the consumption of time and money by technical arguments at the "Two lakes" inquiry at White-haven was voiced yesterday by leaders of individual objectors who live in the two oreas of the Lake District likely to be affected.

affected.

The inquiry, into proposals to extract more water for industry, particularly for the Windscale nuclear reprocessing plant, either from Wast Water or from Ennerdale. Water, or possibly from both, is in its ninth week and reached its thirty-fifth working day vesterday. working day yesterday.

Participants have been warned that it may have to continue into June, and that the outcome may have to go before Parliament before a decision can be taken,

After a special meeting in Ennerdale village school on Ennerdale village school on Wednesday night, an exercise iu democracy demanded by the Commons Acts of 1876 and 1899, and the Acquisition of Land Act, 1946, Mr William Rawling, a farmer and landowner, who is chairman of the Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish Council, said: I found this meeting very disturbing and depressing.

"The local people were over-awed and intimidated by the weight of technical arguments being put forward by profes-sional advocates, and a lot of were too toungue-tied to

"The whole affair now bears little resemblance to what a public inquiry should be, an opportunity for members of the public to express their views. It

public to express their views. It is just a professional exercise being conducted in public."

Mr Michael Houston, secretary of the Friends of the Lake District, one of many voluntary organizations opposing both proposals, said: "We are very concerned at the time this inquiry is taking. Our funds are limited and every additional limited and every additional retary of Sta day strains our resources in ment rules i terms of time and money. The the schemes.

statutory bodies involved seem to have unlimited reserves of both."

The inspector, Mr Denis Komlosy, is known to be deeply concerned at the plight of the small objectors. He gives them every opportunity to speak when appropriate and his staff try to ease the burden by notifying individuals by telephone of the daily timetable.

Nevertheless, the technical arguments go on, and one of the reasons why the proceedings may stretch into June is Mr Komlosy's wish to give the small objectors adequate time after witnesses and legal repre-The inspector, Mr Denis

after witnesses and legal representatives from bodies such as the North West Water Authority, British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. Cumbria County Council, and the Lake District National Park Special Planning Board bave exhausted their arguments over the respective merits of three separate main schemes and a total of 12 possible combina-

tions and compromises British Nuclear Fuels wants to extract an extra seven mil lion gallons a day from Wast Water as the cheapest and quickest means of obtaining the

quickest means of obtaining the purest water possible for the Windscale plant.

The North West Water Authority, which wants extra supplies for west Cumbrian industry as well as for Windscale has now put forward an Ennerdule II scheme calculated to dale II scheme calculated to provide for both; the Lake Dis-trict National Park Special Planning Board wants a third scheme to take wants are Derwent near Workington; and Cumbria County Council is sup-porting the Ennerdale II scheme and opposing Wast Water.

The National Trust, which owns the whole of Wast Water and has considerable holdings around Ennerdale, is opposing schemes for both those areas. It has stated that its "inalienable rights " might mean having to go before Parliament even if Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environ-ment, rules in favour of one of advance the evidence to be brought a right not available when the charge was under the "sus" law, Section IV of the Vagrancy Act, 1824 That creates an offence of intent to commit an arrestable offence", and gives police the power to arrest a "susarrests.

By Nicholas Timmins

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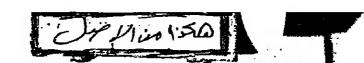
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against the wishes of the inhabitants."

The duke said that he was speaking not just as the owner of Belvoir castle but also as the elected representative for the area on Leicestershire County

Quoting Coleridge on the joys of strolling alone through fields and woods, he said that the people of the vale had a deep, genuine and emotive love for their surroundings.

"There is no doubt whatever that if mining was permitted, very soon the vandals would be on the march, and the ugly sprawl of mines, spoil heaps, traffic railways, noise and dirt would descend like a black cloud" he said.

Asked by Lord Colville, QC, for the board, whether if planning permission was granted, he would be prepared to take part in discussions on mitigating the effects of mining, the duke re-plied that that would depend on the terms of the permission.

Talks between the board and the county council, which are understood to include the quesrion of waste disposal outside the vale, had been undertaken entirely without prejudice, he

Mr Michael Mann. QC, the inquiry inspector, assured the duke that he was conscious of the depth of local feeling. He could rest assured that the absence of the sort of disorderly at of a new town. It protest experienced at some to change the use of int of Leicestershire seen as a sign of weakness.

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shipping agent travelling with him in a car behind the lorry carrying the silver were re-leased by detectives from Scotland Yard's central robbery per of the firm said said rard's ceptral robbery in of the raward and squad after questioning. But it would take the the lorry driver was still at to dispose of the North East London Police leant there was a Station yesterday.

Prison term on police driving chief is set aside

A police driving instructor who was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court two weeks ago to nine months' imprisonment for causing the death of another motorist by reckness driving, had the sentence set aside by the Court of Appeal today. A fine of £500 was substituted.

Chief Inspector Mansel Wal-lace Abraham, aged 45, chief driving instructor to the South Wales Constabulary, of Hafan Deg, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan. was given six months to pay the fine, with six months' imprisonment in default.

ment in default.

Mr Justice Jupp, sitting with Lord Justice Ormrod and Mr Justice Chapman, said Mr Abraham was driving a police car on the A48 road last July with two sergeants as passenuers when the accident happened. Mr Abraham was engaged in legitimate police duties, the judge added, but "he drove too fast on the wrong road at the wrong time".

The car was in collision with

a Ford Escort and the driver, although he received only minor injuries, died later in hospital. The public expected police officers, particularly high ranking ones, to be dealt with severely when they fell from grace. Mr Justice Jupp continued, But an ordinary person would not have expected an immediate and substantial jail sentence for a bad, but not sentence for a bad, but not deliberately bad, piece of driv-

The car was in collision with

It was pure misfortune that the victim, Mr Ivor Lewis, aged 69, died. The judge added: 69, died. The judge anded:
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The judge said any prison sentence on Mr Abraham, even a suspended sentence, meant the end of his police career. He had already resigned. The sub-stitution of a fine meant he could apply to the Home Secretary for reinstatement.

Mr Abraham did not appeal against his two-year driving ban.

Father loses son's £5,000 bail Mr Ezekiel Anthony, aged 54.

a haulage driver; forfeired 25,000 yesterday because his son jumped bail on a drugs charge.

He had stood as a surery for he had stood as a surery for bis son. Robert, at Marylchone Magistrates' Court. London, and was ordered to forfeit £4,000 on the spot and the remaining £1,000 within a fortnight, with two months' jail in default.



Parker and Lady Penelope, two of the original models used in the "Thunderbird" series on television, with the commissionaire at Phillips, who are to auction them next month.

Italian charged with arson at consulate

A man accused of arson at the £250,000 Italian consulate in Belgravia, London, threatened to kill the Italian consulgeneral, it was alleged at Horseferty. Road Magistrates' Court, Westmington Westminster, yesterday.

Germano Grotti, aged 43, an unemployed Italian, of Ferndale Road, Erixton, London, was remanded in custody until next Thursday.

accused of damaging He is accused of damaging by fire the consulate building in Eaton Place, Belgravia, on March 23, intending or being teckless as to whether the property would be damaged. He faces a similar charge of arson at the Italian School in Witton Pond Victoria, on March 17. Road, Victoria, on March 17. Mr Grouti is also charged with

mr Group is also charges with making a threat on March 13 to the secretary of the Italian consul-general to kill the consul-general, intending that ie would fear the threat would be carried out Mr Harty to join BBC

Russell Harty is to join BBC Television after 10 years with independent television it was announced yesterday. In the summer he will present a new programmie about books and

Girls 'squeezed out of higher education' led to a drop in the number of

Girls, particularly those from working class backgrounds, have been squeezed out of further and higher education because of the closure of teacher training colleges, a report published

The report, by the Equal Opportunities Commission, says the proportion of girl schoolleavers with one A level who went on to further or higher education fell from 68 per cent to nearly 44 per cent between 1969-70 and 1976-77.

That drop was "a direct

That drop was "a direct result of the cuts in teacher training and the failure of the Government to permit equivalent opportunities.

Total entry for teacher training places was set at 9,450 in England and Wales for 1978-79. which was just over a quarter of the intake of 36,000 when the system was at its height.

The report was commissioned The report was commissioned from Ann Bone, an educational researcher, to establish the truth of the Labour Government's statement in 1977 that students qualified for teacher training would seek other higher education courses. They have not education courses. That has not happened it says.
It showed also that the cuts

boys taking up further and higher education.

Girls pushed on to the labour market did not have the same access to apprenticeships and day release as boys. A lower proportion of girls than boys obtain A levels in the first insume; in the group with one A level, the worst affected, there were more girls, and more tended to be working-class.

Overall, the teacher training cuts have meant a drop in girls share of further and higher education from 46 to 44.6 per cent in just two years, 197475 to 1976-77.

Universities took up some of the drop, with some girls going there who could not go into teacher training; but they were only those with two or more A levels. The share of women at universities race therefore from universities rose, therefore, from 33 to 41 per cent, a total of more than 64,000, in the six years up to 1976-77.

But the Government failed to But the Government failed to provide an alternative course for the others, the report says. The Effect on Women's Opportunities of Toocher Training Cuts (Equal Opportunities Commission, Overseas House, Quay Street, Manchester, M3 3HN, free).

Boy tried to kill his family in house fire From Our Correspondent

Sourhampton
A boy aged 15 who was not allowed to stay up to watch a late night film on television, plotted revenge on his family, it was alleged at Winchester Crown Court yesterday.

lt was added that as his parents, his younger brother and two elder sisters were asleep, he set fire to their council house in Southampton and then could away. The and then cycled away. The house was badly damaged but the five members of his family

escaped.

The boy gave himself up to the policeand admitted starting the blare. When charged with the attempted murder of his father he was said to have told detectives: "That is wrong. I detectives: "That is wrong, intended to kill them all,

The boy, from Southampton, was ordered by Mr Justice Thompson to be detained for life after he admitted five charges of attempted murder and one of arson with intent to endanger life.

Mobile council homes Peterborough City Council is considering the use of mobile homes for young couples who have nowhere to live.

Call to end trend for fewer and larger farms

By Hugh Clayton

Agriculture Correspondent The trend towards fewer and larger farms was "profoundly disturbing". Mr David Hunter; Smith, chairman of The Smallfarmers' Association, said vesterday.

"We believe that methods must be found to curb this trend towards the ever-increasing size of the production units in British agriculture, he told the first conference of the association at Reading, Berk-

It was founded by farmers concerned about the increasing dominance of agriculture and farming unions by large estates, a growing minority of which are owned by companies and (inance houses. Its first aim quoted on application forms for membership, is "to retain the family farm such as can be worked by an efficient family".

Mr Hunter Smith said that the number of pig farmers in England and Wales was halved England and Wales was halved between 1968 and 1975 and the number of wheat growers fell by almost a quarter. "We do not regard ourselves as being a substitute for any part of the farm lobby; but we do feel that the voice of the small farmers needs to be augmented. needs to be augmented.

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"In this age of change and challenge, of microchip, high energy costs, high unemploy-ment and industrial malaise we need more rather than fewer families rooted to the land as self-employed countrymen and women. Therein lies greater

national stability." The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, a patron, said:
Despite some misingerpretation of initial pronouncements

of the association, no one is seeking to put the clock back to the days of peasant farming. The latest figures from the European Commission showed that only one farm in 50 in Britain has fewer than 25 acres,

compaced with a tenth of those in the Irish Republic and a third of those in Italy. The duke suggested that partnerships with landowners offered one of the best ways of-meeting the association's aim of finding more farros for qualified young people who had no hope of buying estates at today's high prices. The political and legal climate had contributed to

a reduction in the number of farms available for renting. He said: "Plans to satisfy the legitimate desires of the association should be commer-cially realistic. They should avoid adding any extra burden to the shoulders of the longsuffering raxpayer.

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school's heat pumps teach vital energy lessons

ck to school could well be the best ssage for anyone currently involved in igning buildings. More precisely, back Roach Vale Primary School, Colchester, ipient recently of a RIBA commention for good design. The scheme itself, lored round five heat pumps, may be ly small in scale, but it is an excellent idel for learning about the advantages of overall approach to environmental sign in all types of buildings.

Central to the schools controlled envinment are the five heat pumps which lovide year-round heating ventilating and oling. In winter, the heat pumps use the itside air as the heat source, even when imperatures are quite low. Their output is pplemented by using heat from the warm haust air of the building, which is passed er the outside coil of one of the heat imps. In summer the occupants are kept imfortable by ventilating the building nd, in very hot conditions, the heat pumps in be used to provide additional cooling.

Aodular Design

But the equipment is only half the story. ust as important was the careful consideraon given to design of the structure in hich it operates. A modular method of uniding (MCB) is used, purpose-designed ry Essex County Council in conjunction with consulting engineers Chamberlain and Partners. This emphasises the importance of heavy insulation for roof and walls, doors with draught lobbies, and sealed windows.

For it is only in a structure itself designed for energy efficiency that an efficient. economic and controllable environment

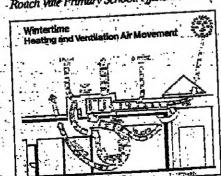
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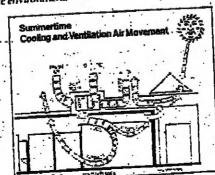
process extend far beyond schools into buildings of all types and sizes. In energy matters, industry and com-

merce can no longer afford to spend indiscriminately - and re-education often starts with small pioneering projects like

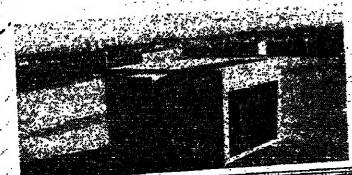
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Heat pumps—the energy savers



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prehensive improvements to an 1860m office area at the International Harvester Corporation in Doncaster Modernisation in four areas-lighting, beating, cooling and insulation-has brought the office right up

It is true to say that before the changes the single-storey office was virtually a relic of the steam age - its principal heat source was an antiquated underfloor steam sys-tem. In winter this struggled unsuccessfully to combat cold down-draughts from the ahundance of roof lights. In summer the same glazing caused significant overheating, which could only be remedied by the simple but haphazard expedient of opening. doors and windows. So everyone suffered the office staff physically, and the company financially, with the regular arrival of large

Action

In its modernisation suggestions the Yorkshire Electricity Board looked at all areas affecting energy expenditure together

the whole office, to be used as a return air plenum with air handling light fittings. 2. Efficient roof insulation needed to cut seasonal heat loss or gain.

line with the IES Code standards.

and identified four main areas for action: A new fake ceiling was necessary over

3. Lighting levels were to be upgraded in 4. Air conditioning-essential for summer comfort and proper air distribution.

Better working conditions at International Harvester's Doncaster Office.

greater heating economy means that in practice the YEB recommendations have. brought the total annual reduction in energy consumption to over 50 per cent.

successful that International Harvester are now adopting the same principles in modernising other offices on the same site. In the latest case they are obtaining even

Annual energy savings of well over 50 per cent and a greatly improved working environment—these are the results of comprehensive improvements to an 1860m² 50 per cent savings



The addition of two heat pumps for even

The original refurbishment has been so

better savings by using opinium start So now International Harvester can count on energy bills considerably smaller

than those of its steam-age days. And it can also count on the immeasurable advantage efficient and comfortable working

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Winter holidays, once seen as a continental luxury, are now an area of considerable growth potential in the British hotel trade. And at the Madeira Hotel, Falmouth, this potential is now being realised with the help of a recent electric modernisation programme. For under £5,000, the new electric system is being used to supplement an existing oil-fired boiler, to provide a warm and welcome addition for management and winter visitors alike. It makes use of electricity for both heating and hot water needs, while keeping installation and operating costs to a minimum.

The scafront hotel, originally five turnof the century houses, is open all the year round and accommodates over 90 guests. Its owners at first considered installing a larger oil-fired boiler, but capital costs and the expensive replumbing necessary weighed against it. The basic existing oil-fired system supplied heating to the ground floor and hot water to a few of the bedrooms.

Electric equipment could have been used in a variety of ways to supplement this. In the end electric panel heaters with integral thermostatic control were chosen for heating 42 of the 49 bedrooms. These cut waste because they are used primarily when the rooms are occupied, leaving

temperature that suits them best. Heating on the landings also has thermostatic output control; in this case using storage

Flexible

The same flexible approach has been applied to meeting the hot water requirements for new shower installations. For the second floor bedrooms 13 electric instantaneous units ensure that energy use is cut right down to the time it takes to have a shower. For the more continuously used

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provided by off-peak electric heaters in well-insulated storage cylinders. The hotel owners were particularly satisfied by the reduced amount of pipework needed, and the low operating costs achieved.

Manager Mr Turner was pleased with the way the heating coped even on the coldest days - no boost at all had been needed. When unoccupied, the rooms had been kept aired with the heaters on a lower setting, thus providing the guests with a warm welcome through the whole winter. Annual operating costs for 1978/79 including the cost of lighting. TV, etc, came to just under £4,000.

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Wartime accusation by the Foreign Office on ILP campaign

Beaverbrook's 1940 'compromise peace plan'

By Peter Hennessy Foreign Office accusations that Lord Beaverbrook was funding and encouraging a campaign to secure a compromise peace with Hitler in March, 1940, a few weeks before he joined the Churchill wartime coalition government as Minister of Aircraft Production, are disclosed in the April issue of War Monthly, pub-

lished today. Mr Roger Makins, a Foreign Office official, later Ambassa-dor to Washington and Perm-anent Secretary to the Treasury (now Lord Sherfield), expressed concern in internal PO minutes that Lord Beaverbrook's enterprise was arousing alarm in

France, He wrote: I have tried to calm these greatly justifiably disturbed minds by tel-finance a peace campaign to be conducted by the Independent Labour Party (ILP). Mr John McGovern, an ILP MP, later alleged that Lord Beaverbrook

at a dinner in Stornoway House, his London home, had offered

BBC talks

adjourned

Pay talks covering the BBC's 28,000 staff obened in London

vesterday and were adjourned until April 15, when the BBC will make specific proposals to the unions on the national joint

Before the meeting there had

been an exchange of letters in which the BBC said it wanted the unions at the meeting to

make clear what they considered their priority areas. Hours, pay, conditions and holidays were

"The discussions concen-trated on those kinds of aspects", a BBC spokesman said

afterwards. "No specific claim was made. The BEC did not make an offer."

mittee decided earlier this

month not to proceed with a claim for comparability until agreement was concluded on the

The unions have claimed that

the gap between the pay in the

independent television com-panies and that in the BBC was between 20 and 50 per cent. The BBC has said through Mr

lan Trethowan, the director-general, that 161 per cent will be available to allow for price rises. Any higher claim allowed might bean reducing posts.

The last settlement was 9 per

cent, but that covered an 18-month period-

By Our Medical Correspondent

on the prescription of tranquil-

lizers such as diazepam and chlordiazepoxide (first mark-eted as Valium and Librium)

The guidelines, published to-day in the British Medical Journal, have been prepared by the Department of Health's

committee on the review of medicines, which is reviewing

prescription drugs in produc-tion when the Medicines Act came into effect in 1971 to

control the testing and market-

The committee has looked at the whole group of benzodia-sepines, which includes not only diazepam and chlordia-

zepoxide but also eight more

recent sleeping pills and tran-quillizers of the same pharma-

cological type. Particular atten-tion was given to the risks of dependence on tranquillizers.

diazepam and other benzodia-

repines, the committee says, and

adverse effects have been re-

A nine-hole golf course is

being built for employees of a wholesale meat company who are moving into a new 22-acre factory site at Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire.

Factory golf course

Reports in the medical and lay press have drawn attention to the high rate of prescribing

ing of new drugs.

Fresh guidelines for doctors

1980 pegotiation.

The Central Arbitration Com-

on pay



Lord Sherfield: Tried to calm the French.

£500 for every seat the ILP fought, and to send "special reporters" from his newspapers into the constituencies " because he saw no sign of Britain beat-

ing Germany."

Another FO official, Mc
Charles Peake, had heard from
Mr Kingsley Martin, Editor of
the New Statesman, that "left and right-wing pacifists are making common cause". Mr Makins was in no doubt about

Large undisclosed damages for libel were awarded against

for libel were awarded against Associated Newspapers in the High Court yesterday to Mr Alex Park and Mr David Andrews who were British Leyland senior executives, over articles in the Daily Mail in 1977 alleging bribery and corruption at British Leyland.

The awards were "very substantial indeed", Mr Justice O'Connor was told. Lawyers later agreed that they were well

Mr Park was formerly chief executive of British Leyland and Mr Andrews managing director of the Leyland Inter-

Mr Park is now director and vice-president of ITT (UK) Ltd,

and Mr Andrews is executive

vice-chairman of BL Ltd (for-merly British Leyland). As well

as the damages awards they received an apology and their

Mr Richard Hartley, QC, for Mr Park and Mr Andrews, said

maximum publicity and sensa-

operating a worldwide web of hribery and corruption and that

there was a slush fund of mil-

lions of pounds to be used to

bribe governmental officials and

Doctors urged to cut use of tranquillizers

ported in patients ending use

the committee to conclude, how-ever, that the true addiction potential of benzodiazepines is

Review of available data led

The committee says that

when a patient stops taking a benzodiazepine, withdrawal symptoms may develop, includ-ing anxiety, apprehension, fremor, insomnia, nausea and

vomiting. Since the symptoms may be similar to those of the original illness, the doctor may believe a further course of treatment is needed, and that

may be one explanation for the frequency of repeat prescrip-

The guidelines advise that

long term treatment is rarely justified. After considering the

conditions for which tranquil-lizers are prescribed, the com-mittee has recommended their use for the treatment of

insomnia and anxiety, but not

for depression, behaviour dis-orders, tension headaches, or

dysmenorrhoea occurring in the

The committee has followed and of more detailed on specific compounds.

Alcohol blamed for assault rise

Assaults on police in the the increase "a matter of great Strathclyde region, which includes Glasgow, rose by more than half last year.

Mr Patrick Hamill, Chief said that akohol was to blame in most cases.

absence of anxiety.

of the drugs abruptly.

recommend that those drugs low: only 28 people in Britain should be given for fewer conditions and for shorter periods. Patients on long-term treatment with the drugs should have that those were known drug mistreatment gradually withdrawn.

tional presentation was given to Mr Hartley said that a "world-exclusive" expose by eithough their names were the Daily Mail in which it was cleared within British Leyland alleged that British Leyland was and by the NEB and the

orhers to win export orders in shadow of those allegations had overseas markets. The allega- hung over them.

into five figures.

national Division.

to former BL chiefs



buddy of Mr Kennedy."

the barm that might do. He

do a great deal of damage (1) here (2) in France (3) in the USA, where there is anyhow consider-able distrust of us and (4) he will be a great gift to German propa-ganda. He should therefore be stopped. . For the peace be has in mind would only result without fail in our all having our throats-cut in a couple of years.

authentic. Among them was a forged letter purporting to be from Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings, then chairman and chief executive of the National

Enterprise Board, to Mr Park.
That forgery, for which the forger, Graham Barton, was later jailed for two years, referred to Mr Park's "recommendations" for the control and payment of the alleged believe and received.

bribes, and specifically men-tioned "International", of which Mr Andrews was manag-

ing director, as the division

the forgery of the "Ryder letter". The newspaper apolo

Park, but the apology was con-cerned only with the "Ryder

Hartley said

and by the NEB and the Government, in the absence of any withdrawal or apology from the Daily Mail in respect of the general allegations of biliness of the general allegations of

in the United States in saving that there is little evidence that benzodiazepine sleeping

pills continue to be effective when used for long periods. Most sleeping pills lose their sleep promoting properties with-

in 3 to 14 days of continuous

Similar warnings are given about the treatment of anxiety,

when benzodiazepines probably

become ineffective after four months' continuous treatment

The committee says doctors' attention needs to be drawn to the lack of evidence of long-term efficacy, and it recommends that the same of the same of

mends that parients on long-term creatment should have their drugs gradually with-

The new guidelines also in-

clude reminders that patients

on treatment with long-acting benzodiazepines may have their coordination and judgment

coordination and judgment impaired; they should be told

not to drive or operate machinery. Warnings should also be given to patients of possible interactions between alcohol

The pharmaceutical companies that market benzodiazepines will be asked to draw up fresh

information for doctors in the light of those general comments and of more detailed comments

and tranquillizers.

use, the new guidelines say.

bribery and corruption,

Graham Barton confessed to

imports his accusation on the floor of the House of Commons. But the author of the War Monthly From Michael Hornsby Brussels, March 27 article, Dr Charles Cruickshank, the leading historian of decep-tion and black propaganda on the British side in the Second World War, is convinced by papers he has discovered at the Public Record Office that Lord Beaverbrook was indeed ento him by the FO in 1940. Dr Cruickshank said

traders and farmers. night: "If you take the FO file on the matter, the case against Lord Beaverbrook could be des-Britain is at a competitive disadcribed as 'not proven'. But place it alongside Mr Churchill's own file and the two together

After Mr McGovern had accused Lord Beaverbrook in the Commons, Mr Churchill asked his friend if there was any truth in the allegations. Lord Beaverbrook drafted two statements for Mr Churchill denying Mr McGovern's account, neither of which, Dr Cruickshank says, satisfied the Prime Minister The episode was finally settled in a telephone conversation between Lord Beaverbrook and Mr Churchill, no record of which has been kept.

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Lord Westmorland, the new chairman of Sotheby Parke Bernet, has made a controversial move in writing to the main dealers' association to remind them of auction bidding law and request them not to break it. He has written to the British Antique Dealers' Association (BADA) the Society of London Art Dealer (SLAD), and the London and Provincial Antique Dealers' (BADA) and the London and Provincial Antique Dealers' (BADA) Dealers' Association (LAP-

The text of the letter has not been disclosed and Sotheby's say it was a "confidential matter". But Lord Westmorland is understood to have drawn the dealers' strention to the Austina (Piddies Austina 1997). the Auction (Bidding Agree-ments) Acts of 1927 and 1969, which outlaw certain forms of agreement between dealers not to bid against each other, unless

sale. Sotheby's appear to be taking the line that all types of agree-ment between dealers must be reported to the auctioneer before the sale if they are to re-main within the law. The dealers' associations have been taking legal advice on the interpretation of the law, and it looks as if they are coming up with a different interpretation. Mr J. Baer, president of SLAD, said yesterday that he bad no wish to comment on the letter but was happy to com-ment on the Act. The advice he had received indicated that

nterpretations. In his view a joint purchase by several dealers was perfectly, legal if the agreement was en-tered into orally, rather than in writing, as long as no financial inducement not to bid separately was involved; he did not believe that such an agreement needed to be reported to the auctioneer,

Act and it was open to various

The BADA said vesterday that it had received a letter, was taking advice, and was considering what reply to make.

The LAPADA said that its chairman, Sir Frederick Cor-field, had written privately to Lord Westmorland about the matter, but it could not discuss in what terms.

It did point out that there was an element of the pot call-ing the kettle black on the issue: if auctions were correctly catalogued and owners advised to set reserves at sensible levels, dealers would have little room to abuse the auction sysrem.

Island sells old buses for £2,700

An auction sale of old buses yesterday by the Guernsey Railway Co raised more than £2,700 and attracted collectors from all over the United King-

from 1933 to 1958, including three used during the German occupation of the Channel Islands, fetched between £50

Sale Room Corespondent

Under existing EEC rules, however, the first 2.5 per cent of a currency's divergence are, in effect, not counted so that the taxes and subsidies, known as monetary compensatory amounts (MCAs), do not apply unless the divergence is greater than this. This means that for the moment the appreciation of the pound is not being neutralized by the application of MCAs

by the application of MCAs and consumers are getting the benefit of cheaper imports.

Mr Walker's contention is that there is an in-built distortion in the system, and that there can be a gap of as much as 5 per cent between British prices and those in another member state, without any of they have notified the auc-tioneer in writing before the member state, without any of this being covered by MCAs. He wants the MCAs to apply immediately.
Following his MCA move, Mr

farmers.

Walker added insult to injury by telling the French that the British Covernment would need at least 24 hours to consider whether to agree to a French request for a 3.7 per cent de-valuation of the French "green franc" to boost French far-

The inflationary trend is France, which took a turn for

the worse in January, persisted last month with a 1.1 per cent

fanuary increase of 1.9 per

cent, it corresponds on the basis of the last three months

to an annual rate of inflation of 16 per cent.

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Although less than

When the pound is below its green rate the gap is bridged by a subsidy on food imports and a tax on food exports.

The situation is reversed when

the pound goes above its green

His last coalition of Christian

Democrats, Social Democrats and Liberals collapsed eight days ago but, after a quick round of consultations, President Pennis entrusted Signor

cent last month. The culprit is manufactured goods, which have risen in price by 1.5 per cent, exter a 2.5 per cent inis due to the strong inflationary trend of recent weeks. Wholesalers and retailers have-The increases in the price of gold and silver in the past few months have led to a sharp rise in the costs of many goods and services, like jewelry and dentistry. The rise in oil prices—

10 per cent since the beginning

margins. To correct the effect of inflationary trends on savings, the Government yesterday decided to increase the interest on savings deposits by 1 per cent to 7.5 per cent. It had withstood strong pressure to raise these interest rates in order to channel investments into bonds and shares, which produce more

than 14 per cent interest.



The Pope embracing Cardinal Slipyi yesterday after nominating his

Ukraine Church leader non

From John Earle Rome, March 27 The Pope today amounced the nomination of Monsigner Myrolay Ivan Lubachivsky,
Archbishop of the Ukrainians
In Philadesphia, to succeed
Cardinal Josyf Slippj, aged 88,
as Archbishop of Lyov and
head of the Ukrainian Catholic
Church He will succeed to the appointments on the cardinal's

The Pope made the announcement to the closing session of the synod of Ukrainian bishops

bere. He said Mgr Lubachive sky's name had been first on the list of three which the by the Old three synod had submitted to him at cardinal stits opening on Monday. The his hands for the synod is now ended, and the 14 bishops will return to their places of residence in exile.

Mgr Lubachivsky was born 18 years and 19 years and

twelfth cent

The answ

mentary Gaullist par-ing tour of coasts at the the French PS

Rome coalition raises hope Sadi of April EEC summit

From Our Correspondent Rome, March 27.

postponed European Com-munity summit before the end of April have strengthened as a result of good progress being made by Signor Francesco Cossign in formin ga coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists and Republicans.

Signor Cossign is expected to confarm to President Sandro Perniui at the weekend that he can form a three-party cosilirion Government so that after further discussion snext week on its programme and the siloca-tion of ministerial portfolios. the new administration can be: in office by Easter.

Cossige, a Christian Democrat, once again with the formation of the next Government. As current cheirmen of the EEC Council of Manisters, Sig-nor Cossign last Monday post-poned the Brussels summit set for next Monday. He felt that the task of forming a govern-ment would not skip adequate time for the necessary prepara-tory consultations with Comand state me numity partners on breaking the logiam over British's fin-

acial contribution.

If all goes ahead as planned, Signor Cossign should therefore be in the saddle in time to prebe in the saddle in time to pre-pare for a summit in the last days of April. But if hinches arise in the formation of the new Government, there will be the tisk of having to pesspone the sumit unting the ment one planned for June in Venice. The most vociferous opposi-tion to the proposed new coali-tion so far has come from the Social Democrats

forest design Increase in French cost of living persists

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For they went up 0.6 per cent in February, as against 1 per cent in January, while increase in the cost of living services rose by only 0.8 per cent compared with 1.8 per Gaullist leaders win case against journal

Paris, March 27
M Philippe Alexandre, a
well-known politician commentator on Radio Luxembourg,
was sentenced by a Paris court yesterday to pay a 1,500 francs fine (about £166) and one franc damages each to M Jacques Chirac and 10 other Gaullist leaders.
The sentence was for sugges-

The sentence was for suggesting that the Gauilist leaders had deliberately disclosed information to the press about the involved South of France property deals of M Robert Boulin, the former Gaullist Minister of Labour. M Boulin committed suicide last October after disclosure of the deals.

The Gaullist leaders brought the case against M Alexandre to decided to make public the information he had about the Gaullist party's

been responsible for this disclosure to ruin the political M Boulin's suicide. He refused
prospects of M Boulin, a
for professional reasons to
Gaullist favourable to President
name the four Gaullist leaders Giscard d'Estaing.

During the hearing of the

of the year and 22 per cent in a year—is also to blame.

But both those factors account only for about a third of the rise in the index of

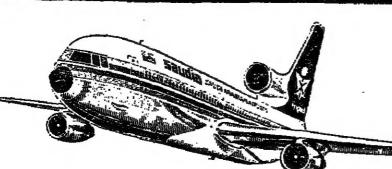
case 10 days ago, two former Gaullist Prime Ministers and several Ministers appeared in court and declared they had never heard of the property case before it was published in the press. They maintained that M Alexandre's account of a meeting of Gaullist leaders in to exoner atethe Gaullist party had about the Gaullist party's

name the four Gaullist leaders report as possi-who told him of the party's of M Boulin's secret decisions.

M Alexandre's lawyer argued a constitution that he had never accused the scious of his liber of the death of M Boulin, possibility australia but only that it had started a political plot of the court's verdict took the press campaign against him.
The court's verdict took the form of a sermon on journalistic ethics. M Alexandre, it stated, had offered to produce in court proof of the facts he had alleged in his broadcast, but he had not done so. He had made libellous charges against the Gaullist party and its president, while not being able to produce proof of these allegations by

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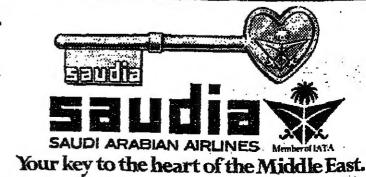


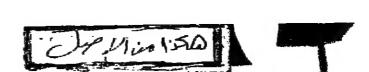
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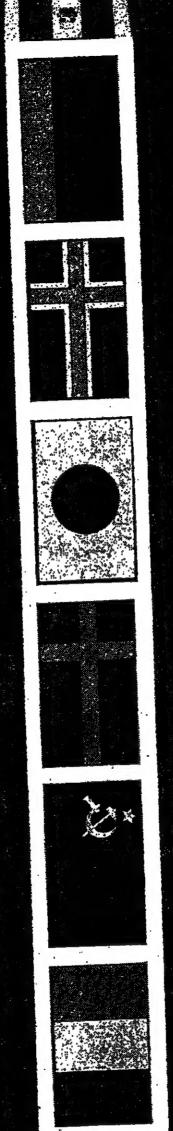
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Buy something made outside Britain and ve pay twice.

Machines

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Once over the counter.

And again when we pay for the unemploy ment we're helping to create.

Bach time we choose a foreign made product rather than one made at home, we drive another nail in Britain's industrial coffin. So why do we buy so many foreign-made goods?

It's true that there is sometimes no real choice. Whole industries that once flourished in Britain no longer exist.

And the trend for many other industries is looking increasingly unfiealthy.

Things wouldn't be quite so bad if we were able to export our way out of trouble. But our

exports are only growing at one tenth of the rate of our imports.

32%

28%

Right now it must be sensible for us to stop trying to pin the blame on each other And start trying to put things right instead.

We could all make a start by buying British whenever possible.

This doesn't mean that we should choose British goods out of blind patriotism.

But that we should never ignore a British made product in the mistaken belief that it cannot be as good as a foreign one.

Foreigners find our defeatist attitude amusing And extremely profitable.

They instinctively support their own industries by choosing home produced goods.

Which is almost certainly why the problem is unique to Britain.

One industry at risk right now is the motor industry. An industry whose importance to Britain cannot be overestimated.

Textiles

It brings employment to millions of workers. It trains most of our engineers. Indeed it is our biggest single manufacturing industry.

BL is the only British owned volume car maker. The other large manufacturers can, and do, switch car production away from Britain.

Not so BL Which is why it's so important for BL to succeed. And remain British owned.

Of course BL would have a tremendous amount to gain from a shift in attitude towards

the British buying British.

But the problem doesn't just belong to the motor industry.

It affects us all. And it's striking deeper and deeper every day.

Not too long ago, our standard of living was the highest in the world.

Now we're not even in the top twenty.

The climb back will not be easy. But we can all begin today by taking a fresh look at British manufactured goods.

Next time you're looking to buy anything, but especially a motor car, see how the British product stacks up first. If then you find it doesn't suit you, we'll be surprised. But we'll have no complaints.

Discontent that led to bazaar strike poses a serious challenge to President Assad's authority

Inflation and corruption threaten the Baathist regime in Syria

shops have reopened although said. "You cannot work and

bic they find other things to

Only a few are prepared to speak their minds and they do future; he wanted to emigrate so quietly, as if the security to the United States.

In an atmosphere of growing international pessimism about the future of the Middle East

peace progress, Senior Israeli and Egyptian ministers met in

Alexandria today for a crucial round of talks aimed at narrow-

ing the wide difference on the issue of Palestinian autonomy.

The talks opened against a background of mounting Israeli intransigence about Jewish settlements in the occupied

Israeli troops in the occupied territories during the five-year

transitional period under con-

Today's series of formal and informal meetings is designed

to tay the groundwork for the top level talks to be held in Washington next months between President Carter and

President Sadat of Egypt, who is due there on April 8, and Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, who is to arrive at the White House a week

Alexandria talks open

in gloomy atmosphere

if the merchants suspect a tolerance of capitalism with that foreigners understand Ara- progressive taxation and an apparent inability to control cor-ruption. The merchant would hazard no guesses about Syria's

over the name of Alexandria's main hotel. The Palestine, today's talks were held in a

more modest hotel on the blustery and broken down sea-

them, but there is no way that the Israelis will use a hotel with

a name like that", an Egyptian official explained.

Egyptian discontent was indi-cated in

cated in a strongly-worded leading article in yesterday's

We have tried to persuade

From Robert Fisk
Aleppo, Syria, March 27
In Aleppo's cloth bazaar the silks and brocade hang in gold along the vaulted tunnels beside the Citadel, Most of the baside the Citadel, Most of the citadel

the merchants make no attempt to tout for custom.

English-speaking shopkeepers revert to Arabic if foreigners ask awkward questions about the recent strike in the bazaar economic policy that combines the component of capitalism with states can be small than the continuous control of capitalism with states can be small than the control of capitalism with states can be small than the capitalism with small than the capitalism with small capitalism with states cut their aid as well, the Syrilen press began attacking the "reactionary" Arab regimes who had so crucily deprived the country of its ex-

bourgeoisie with a smart but There were several hours of scarcely powerful Armenian minority as their economic ally. Chamber of Commerce before, It was with no great sorrow for according to four Damascus President Assad that they merchants President Assad him-President Assad that they merchants President Assad him-closed down their bazaar for self suddenly appeared to

The merchants of Aleppo are of Damascus also proposed the the cream of the Sunni Muslim closure of the capital's bazaar. angry debate in the city's

Government's import controls

A few days later, the President publicly thanked the Chamber of Commerce for its

patriotism " Not everyone, however, retceived such acclaim in the aftermath of the disturbances in northern Syria. In Aleppo, a lawyer named Jamous was unwise enough to put his name at the end of a letter congratulat-

ing President Assad for his hadling of the crisis. Just aweek ago, Mr Jamous left his home to drive to the

the European University Institute, a Euro-Japanese meeting (the fifth "Hakone confer-ence"), with some 30 participants, mostly academics and researchers. We then moved to Longon, where more than 200 of us met for the annual conference of the Trilateral Commission, which includes, in addition to specialists in inter-national affairs, many politi-tians and business leaders.

the "Trilateral world".

The founders of the commission had, eight years ago, the luck of choosing, among other unknown American politicians invited to join, a then obscure and eager Governor of Georgia, a nuclear engineer who made his apprenticeship in world affairs inside the Trilateral Commission.

A few years later more than dozen members of the com-Carter Administration: an impressive achievement, although, judging from what happened later, not all will agree that this proves the great administrative qualities of commission members.

This also gave rise to the ique that the commission might be some sort of "secret world government". It is not, but it is a very good international debating society, whose annual conferences offer a balanced view of what the West really feels about the state of the feels about the state of the world. It is better than any other similar conference or

Trilateralism for the 1980s

Being unable to sum up in a Being unable to sum up in a few hundred words a hundred hours of discussions, I shall use somebody else's words, quoting the highlights of the most impressive speech that I heard during the whole week. It was by Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, one of the founders of the commission, and a former Foregin Minister of Japan.

proposed to us with quiet con-viction some very powerful thoughts and expressed, by so doing, better than anybody else, the mood of the conference. Here is the trilateralism of the eighties, in six points.

1. "We no longer live in a world in which America-occupied the dominant position and exercised her leadership though she is still by far the greatest power among the industrial we are not irrighted democracies and the G Times Newspa

Gauging West's m The following assessment of stronger the mood of the West in the powers. present world crisis is based 2. "The power sin on a full week of discusions, almost 100 hours of talks, be-tween representative figures of We first held in Florence, at Union continues

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Mr Mugabe preparing black summit in Lusa,

From Nicholas Ashford

Salisbury, March 27

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Zinibabwe leader, is to make his first foreign visit since be became Prime Minister, when he Mr Robert Mngebe, the Zim-bebwe leader, is to make his first foreign visit since he be-came Prime Minister, when he arrends a summit conference on southern African develop on southern Arrican develop-ment and coordination in Lusaka next Tuesday. He will be accompanied by Mr Ende Nkala, the Finance Minister, and Dr Witness Mangwende, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Foreign and econom ters from eight black. African states have aiready begun arriving in the Zambian capital for a ministerial meeting before the summit. The other countries which will be represented are Angola, Botswana, Lesotho,

tion of the confer Arusha, Tanzania . economic Meanwhile the ernment has sen Mugabe's behalf leaders of almost

to attend next mo dence celebration and the Organization Unity are among as well as the U. Soviet Union, Chi EEC. South Africa invited.

Mafeking again escapes the B

From Eric Marsden Johannesburg, March 27

Mafeking, the siege town in the western Transvasi which sent Londoners into a patriotic frenzy 90 years ago, has again escaped from the Boers. It is to be transferred from the Republic of South Africa to the two-year-old independent homeland Bophuthatswanz after con-stitutional safeguards for its white, Coloured (mixed race) and Indian residents have been

The decision, announced in Cape Town during a state visit by President Lucas Mangope of Bophuthatswana, comes after a year of talks during which most of the townspeople expressed diemselves in favour of the change of status.

They have asked for a fivevear transition period during which they will remain South African citizens, and for safe-guards against a fall in property values and educational standards.

Jokes about the siege have worn thin in Mafeking. "Do not write that we have been relieved again", a civic official

radio.

Part of Colonel BadenPowell's defence lines are still
on view and the siege museum
has fading photographs of the
young men who were organized
for non-combatant duties and
gave Baden-Powell the idea for
the Box Scout management

the Boy Scout movement.

Apart from its historic mementos, Mafeking is a fairly typical South African small town, with about 6,000 whites, 3,000 Coloured and 350 Indian residents. It is about 10 miles from the border of Resharkets. from the border of Bopkuthats-wanz and its department stores rely on black customers from the homeland, who provide nearly 90 per cent of their

The Bophuthatswana Government rents offices in the town as its official capital, Mmbatho, a few miles to the north, is still rudimentary. It consists mainly of a parliament building houses for the President and ministers. a stadium and a hotel and casino which attract the Johannesburg smart set at weekends. Mr Andries Bloem, the mayor of Mafeking, says he does not

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Arab territories and gloom among senior American officials doubting that either side is prepared to make sufficient concessions.

The issues include the voting rights of the 100.000 Arabs living in annexed East Jerusalem, the jurisdiction and powers of the proposed autonomy council, and the future of Israeli troops in the occupied leading article in yesterday's edition of the Cairo newspaper, Al Ahran, which said: "Israel's position in the autonomy negotiations has consistently been characterized by its feverish endeavours to forestall the accession of Palestinian self-trule, whether in the West Bank or Gaza".

It added: "But what is still more serious is that Israel has been keen to consolidate in yesterday's edition of the Cairo newspaper, Al Ahran, which said: "Israel's position in the autonomy negotiations has consistently been characterized by its feverish endeavours to forestall the accession of Palestinian self-trule, whether in the West Bank or Gaza". Dr Michael DeBakey, the American heart surgeon, arrives in Cairo to treat the Shah who is soon to have his spleen removed. President Sadat visited the Shah in hospital yesterday.

Israeli troops stop outsiders entering Hebron

or Gaza".

It added: "But what is still more serious is that Israel has been to consolidate its existence in the West Bank and Gaza so that it can justify its sovereignty in those areas... its sovereignty in those areas...
Israeli's attitude towards Palestinians is irrevocably hostile."
Among those taking part in today's talks are Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the new Israeli Foreign Minister, and Mr Ariel Sharon, the outspoken Minister of Agriculture. Both are among the strongest advocates of the rights of Jews to settle in any part of the Arab lands seized during the 1967 war. Tel Aviv, March 27 Israeli soldiers cordoned off debron today and barred nonresidents from the city where Arab nationalists have been protesting at the Israeli Govern-ment's decision to set up two Jewish boarding schools there. Troops guarded the town ball and prevented 30 local women from entering to hold an anti-

military government were apparently a reaction speeches calking for civil disobedience made by Arab political and religious leaders earlier this

An officer in the military administration said the restric-tions on entry into Hebron were selective and instended to prevent political leaders from con-

The precautions taken by the verting tomorrow's Muslim Sab— The West Bank was relatively lilitary government were bath service in the Tomb of the orderly today. But in the Patriarchs into anti-Government demonstration.

Arab mayors turned away from Hebron today met in El Birch, near Jerusalem, and issued a communique pledging to struggle with all the means at their disposal to frustrate the Government's decision and protect the Arab character of Hebron.

set up a rock baricade and stopped four Israeli buses. One bus was set on fire with a petrol bomb. After smashing windows in the other buses, the gunmen fled into the hills.

Implementation of the decision to set up schools in Hebron was held up indefi-

In this context, Mr Vance

said, the recent invasion by the Soviet Union of Afghanistan was "not only a challenge to

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Mr Vance seeks new look for US foreign policy firmly and carefully manage a second area of concern—East-West relations.

From David Cross Washington, March 27

Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secrestem growing criticism of the Administration's foreign policy by giving it a new sense of our interests but to those of our allies as well...".

Mr Vance said that as things stood the Administration saw no sign of a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. As long as Soviet forces occupied that country sanctions taken by the United States would remain in

The forum for what the State Department regards as an important policy speech was the Senate foreign relations committee, whose members have taken the Administration to task for recent muddles such as America's Middle East vote. Members have made it clear they believe that President Car-ter's foreign policy lacks coher. States was not seeking a new ence and nurpose. Cold war or indiscriminate con-

Mr Vance said that "despite differences on decisions we have made ", the United States ministration continued to sup-port ratification by the Senate ould now shape new foreign policy consensus about its goals in the world during the 1980s. Such consensus could be On relations with Iran, he said the Administration had built around agreement on two central points, he said. First, the United States must maintain a military balance of power; and second, its military strength must be built on its alliances and other international ties it accommiss recovered. used firmness and restraint. But he was unable to offer any hopes of an early breakthrough in efforts to secure the release of the hostages ties, its economic resources, its ability to deal with diversity and its ideals.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 27.

—Jamaican civil servants last night called off a strike after the Government decided to with-"Our most basic interest, and first priority, is the physical security of our nation—the safety of our people. This requires strong defence forces and strong alliances. It also draw dismissal notices to 500 temporary clerks that prompted requires that we and our allies

Bonn holds key to European Olympic boycott

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

The question, "Who is going to the Olympic Games and who is not?" is still quite difficult to answer. In the first rush of enthusiasm for the boycott, up to 50 countries indicated that they had doubts about sending teams to Moscow. Since then, there has been a noticeable waning of anti-Olympic zeal.

That lead, it is quite clear so far as Western Europe is con-cerned, will come from Bonn. It is generally assumed that if the West Germans do not go, the French would be most unlikely to compete either, and that the rest of the EEC would probably follow suit. Beyond Europe countries like

the United States, Australia and Kenya have remained steadfast in their opposition to going to Moscow. But the members of the Islamic conference, who overwhelmingly condemned the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. have been somewhat inactive in ratifying their original objec-tions to Moscow.

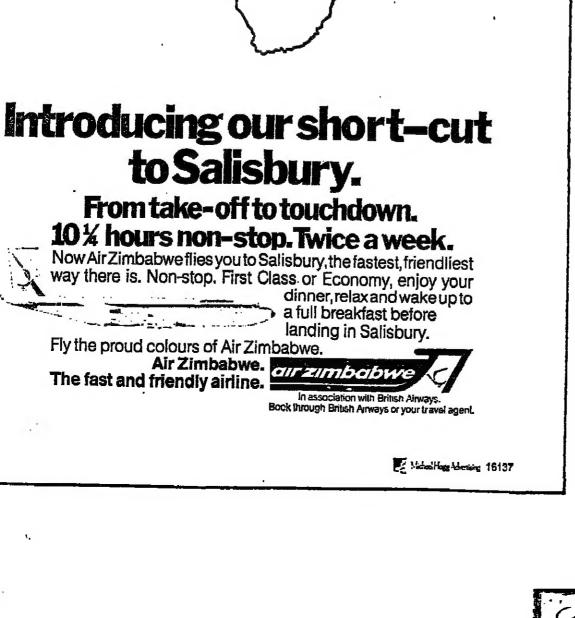
23 die in mine lift accident

Johannesburg, March 27.-The lowering cable on a lift cage in the world's deepest mine snapped today plunging 23 miners more than a mile to their deaths. The accident at the Vaul Reefs gold mine, 100 miles south-west of Johannes miles south-west of Johannesburg, was the worst to hit the South African gold mining industry this year.

being lowered to work in the mine's No 2 shaft when the cable suddenly parted

A mine spokesman said three

white and 20 black miners were



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Battle for Chad capital gathers momentum while talks on House ceasefire continue in cathedral

Ndjamena, March 27.—Heavy artillery fire was exchanged in Ndjamena, the capital of Chad today, with the most intense shelling coming from positions less than 200 yards from a ceasefire committee trying to hammer out a truce between rival factions.

This was the sector round Camp 13 April held by the Armed Porces of the North of Mr. Hissene Habre, the Defence Minister, which are fighting for the capital against the popular Armed Forces of President Goukouni Oueddep. On Mr Habre's southern flank, at the entrance to a bridge on the Chari river, the Chadian Armed Forces of the southern leader, Vice-President Wadal Abdelkader Kanougue, the Present the Charity of t

Wadal Abdelkader Kamougue, were shelling the Defence Minister's troops, according to Mr Djona Gold, the Minister of Justice.

Fighting resumed at dawn today, the sixth consecutive day in the battle for this battered city which is without water or electricity.

electricity.
About 100 Europeans are still in Ndjamena, most sheltering in the French military base from which they are to be flown today by French military transport arcraft to Douala, in Cameroon. Officials said that gent of 550 Congolese troops, in

some of the Europeans were trapped between the opposing forces, but some were staying put of their own will.

N'Djamena as an African peace-keeping force, were in a barracks in a particularly exposed sector. The Congolese

Fresh troops were reaching ingt bu, the had already lost one man killed. N'Djamena from the eastern strongholds of Mr Habre while warriors from the barren northern plateau brought relief to the President's forces.

For the second consecutive day the two sides met in the battered cathedral in a noman's land between the two armies to seek a ceasefire with the help of French officers and the ambassadors of Saudi Arabia, France and Egypt French officials said the mortar and artillery fire had cer-tainly caused heavy civilian casualties, but it was impossible

to estimate the numbers of dead and wounded. men, grouped at a military base near N'Djamena airport, is under strict orders not to be-come involved in the fighting. A number of the first 156 European refugees to reach Paris last night complained they had to make their own way to

the military base without the protection of French troops, at the request of Chad leaders.

Officials said that a contin-

French experts said the renewed civil war was the result of ancient rivalries. They said Vice-President Kamaugue's army from the mainly Christian and animist South appeared to be trying to profit from the conflict to extend his faction's

power.
Chad, noe of the world's poorest countries, is short of everything except guns and armies. Since the sparsely populated nation gained independence from France in 1960. it has had only rare periods of There are 30,00 men under arms in Chad and 11 separate

Government of national union that was suposed to bury past emnities. African appeal: Mr Edem Kodju, the secretary of the Organization of African Unity, has appealed for a hair to fighting in Chad, the Ethiopian

political groupings, which last November formed a transitional

Boeing wins Pentagon contract for missiles

From David Cross Washington, March 27

The Pentagon has chosen the Boeing company to be the principal manufacturer of America's first fleet of alrlaunched cruise missiles, after several months of trials between Boeing secured the main con-

tract for construction of more than 3,000 of the new weapons against strong competition from another leading defence con-tractor, the General Dynamics Corporation.

The total contract is worth some \$4,000m (about £1,818m) over the next four or five years. Boeing's share of this is likely to be worth between \$1,000m and \$2,000m.

Announcing the decision at a press conference, Mr Hans Mark, the Air Force Secretary, said that the Pentagon selected the Boeing model over the General Dynamics version because it had a somewhat better guidance system and aero-dynamic shape. It was also slightly easier to maintain in the field.

Initially, the new missile is to be carried by more than 170 radio monitored in Nairobi said | at least 18 years old



Chairman Hua Guoteng shaking hands in Peking with Mr Francis Pym.

China seeks London plane deals office

Sbanghai, March 27.—China be staffed by 10 or 12 people chases and have asked British and could be in operation by sion to set up an office in London dealing with aircraft contracts and sales, a spokesman for Mr Francis Pym, the British Defence Secretary, said today.

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The indication was that the Harrier jumpjet, which China source, the office would conduct negotiations with British has been negotiating to buy for more than two years, was not details of possible contracts in the Patient Contracts and Sales, a spoke-source, the office would contract the Patient Contracts and Sales, a spoke-source, the office would contract the Patient Contract the Patient

The request was made at talks today between Mr Pym and Mr Liu Dong, Minister of the Third Chinese Ministry of Machine Building, which handles aircraft production and acquisition. "The fact that the Chinese feel the need for this kind of facility in London for now and the future must be interpreted

as an earnest of their intention to expand their trading rela-tions with Britain", the spokesman said. Chinese Ministry's office, still to be

formally approved by the Foreign Office, is expected to

details of possible contracts involving civil and military air-craft and associated equipment. "It would mean there was less need for planeloads of people travelling backwards and forwards to make evaluations," the source went on. "It would also improve communications and hopefully enable us to know more about the changing Chinese priorities."

The source said that, during the talks Mr Pym has had since arriving in China last Sunday, Chinese officials have emphasized the need for China to consider its "overal lpriori-ties" regarding foreign pur-

But British sources said the future of Sino-British trade was not dependent on the success or failure of the Harrier deal; there were other projects of equal value which had been discussed.

Today, Mr Pym attended the opening of a British aerospace exhibition here at which more than 60 British companies are exhibiting a wide range of equipment, both military and civil, in the hope of increasing sales to China.

The Defence Secretary is to leave Shangbai tomorrow for Hongkong.—Reuter.

Only conclusion to be drawn from latest primaries is that the race is still open

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Kennedy a victory, 59 to 41.

Another name for them is Undecided. Every opinion politaken before primary day finds huge cumbers of people who have not yet decided whom no vote for. Normally, they stay at home, or split up between the candidates in roughly the same proportions that their more decided neighbours have already

proportions that their more decided neighbours have already set. This time, in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, in Florida and Illinois, and on Tuesday in New York and Connecticut, the Undecideds decided the race by all plumping together for the same of all this in The first lesson of all this is

that if people can swing so wildly from one candidate to another their future movements cannot be predicted with any safety. Campaign managers, seeking to explain why Mr Kennedy did so badly on March 18 in Bilnois and so well in New York and Connecticut a Kennedy did so badly on March

Resident Ford at the Repub
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week later, can only conclude general election, and it seems
that the Democratic race, at that he is neturning to claim Mr Kennedy is playing the

US Elections

role played in 1976 by Mr Ronald Reagan, President Ford won the first live primaries that year end Mr Reagan was on the ropes, about to be defeated finally, when he won his first primary, in North Carolina, on March 23. Mr Carter won six primaries, and lost two (Massachusetts, Senator Kennedys Senator Rennedys Rico)

home state, and Puerto Rico)
before New York.
In 1976, Mr Resgan went on
from his first victory to carry
the South and West, and got
within 80 votes of defeating the nomination, and perhaps the White House, four years later.

theories to account for Mr Kenmedy's recovery. The first is
that he has been seen to suffer
with dignity, that the great
volstile American subconscious,
having seen the last of the Kenmedys humiliated time and having seen the last of the Ken-nedys humiliated time and again, has at last pardoned him for being a Kennedy and claimfor being a Kennedy and claim-ing the presidency as a right and for Chappaquiddick and

other personal shortcomings, and has concluded that the time has come to reward him for his courage in adversity. The other theory is that people are at last paying aten-tion to what the senator is say-ing and have at last come to accept his theses on national salsh, andiation, of prices and

These theories are both rather far-feached—but how else to explain why the Jews of Edinois forgave Mr Carter's handling of the United Nations vote on Israel and the Jews of New York did not? The bad news on inflation came a couple of months ago and ought to have been wholly discounted by now.

Mr Carter will have to come out of the White House to campaign, despite all his promises to stay there until the hostages are released. His explanation for the change of strategy will be worth hearing.
On the other side of the fence, Mr Bush's victory in Connecticut is much less signi-

ficant. Mr Reagan can be defeated again, in Wisconsin, without his bandwagon slowing in the slightest. He would have to lose a really important state, like Pennsylvania, by a consinguation of the state of the stat vincing margin for anyone even to consider that he could lose

There is no sign of such a defeat on the horizon, and it is only grasping at surews for Mr Bush or Mr Anderson to tell themselves that there was no sign of a Carter upset in New York a week ago.

S Koreans warned against double-dealing by North

From Jacqueline Reditl Seoul, March 27

President Choi Kwhhah has warned South Koreans to strengthen security against North Korea. He said that while engaging in a North-South dialogue aimed at peaceful reunification, the North was at the same time sanding apies to infiltrate the South. nsiltrare the South.

The President was addressing officials yesterday in the south-eastern town of Teego. Earlier this week, three North Korean agents were shot after swim-ming over to the south side of the Han River, and two days ago the South Koreans claimed they had sunk a North Korean spy ship off their south-east

The North Koreans have denied that any of their ships was involved in such an incident.

Military authorities in Seoul said that North Korean infil-trations are timed to take advantage of the present un-settled political situation in the

cratic Republican Party announced today that four of its
deputies were to be expelled
for "anti-party" activities. All
members of the party's executive council had resigned because they felt responsible for
disturbances within the party
and unable to provide effective
leadership.

Two of the deputies face expulsion because they acrused Mr Kim Jong Pil, the party leader, of revising its constitution to allow him to take over the leadership.

That pirates ram Vietnamese refugee boat Kuala Lumpur, March 27

In what United Nations refugee officials described as the worst incident in nearly a year. Their pirates rammed a Viemanese refuges boat within sight of the Malaysian coast and killed or abducted 57 of the people on board.

The United Nations officials said today that initial accounts of the incidents, on Monday night, put the number of dead at more than 30 and said that all those abducted were women. Sixteen of the rafugees, 13 of them children, were rescued by fishermen.

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The Vietnamese refugee boat left Vietnam last Sunday, and encountered the pirate boat on Monday moving. After being thwerted in a attempt to board the boat, the pirates called on continue to the continue to the pirates called on the boat that the pirates called on the continue to the pirates called on the continue to the pirates called on the pirates and pirates called on the pirates of the pi

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the Threat from Nuclear Arms—Lord Mountbatten's warning

frightening facts about the arms race, which show are rushing headlong towards a precipice, make those responsible for this disastrous course pull ives together and reach for the brakes?

answer is "no" and I only wish that I could be the of the glad tidings that there has been a change of and we are beginning to see a steady rate of ament. Alas, that is not the case.

deeply saddened when I reflect on how little has chieved in spite of all the talk there has been larly about nuclear disarmament. There have been ous international conferences and negotiations on piect and we have all nursed dreams of a world at but to no avail. Since the end of the Second World 14 years ago, we have had war after war. There is med conflict going in in several parts of the world. 7e in an age of extreme peril because every war carries the danger that it could spread and involve

here lies the greatest danger of all. A military station between the nuclear powers could entail orrifying risk of nuclear warfare. The Western s and the USSR started by producing and stocknuclear weapons as a deterrent to general war, lea seemed simple enough. Because of the enormous it of destruction that could be wreaked by a single or explosion, the idea was that both sides in what Il see as an East-West conflict would be deterred taking any aggressive action which might endanger tal interests of the other.

was not long, however, before smaller nuclear ms of various designs were produced and deployed ie in what was assumed to be a tactical or theatre The belief was that were hostilities ever to break Mestern Europe, such weapons could be used in warfare, without triggering an all-out nuclear nge leading to the final holocaust.

ave never found this idea credible. I have never able to accept the reasons for the belief that any of nuclear weapons can be categorised in terms of tactical or strategic purposes.

tt moath I enter my eightieth year. I am one of the urvivors of the First World War who rose to high land in the Second and I know how impossible it is ursue military operations in accordance with fixed and agreements. In warfare the unexpected is the and no one can anticipate what an opponent's ion will be to the unexpected.

a sailor I saw enough death and destruction at sea I also had the opportunity of seeing the absolute uction of the war zone of the western front in the World War, where those who fought in the trenches an average expectation of life of only a few weeks.

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Then in 1943 I became Supreme Allied Commander in South East Asia and saw death and destruction on an even greater scale. But that was all conventional warfare and, horrible as it was, we all feit we had a "fighting" chance of survival. In the event of a nuclear war there will be no chances, there will be no survivors -all will be obliterated.

I am not asserting this without having deeply thought about the matter. When I was Chief of the British Defence Staff made my views known. I have heard the arguments against this view but I have never found them convincing. So I repeat in all sincerity as a military man I can see no use for any nuclear weapons which would not end in escalation, with consequences that no one can conceive.

And nuclear devastation is not science fiction—it is a matter of fact. Thirty-four years ago there was the terrifying experience of the two atomic bombs that effaced the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki off the map. In describing the nightmare a Japanese journalist wrote

as follows: "Suddenly a glaring whitish, pinkish light appeared in the sky accompanied by an unnatural tremor which was followed almost immediately by a wave of suffocating heat and a wind which swept away everything in its path. Within a few seconds the thousands of people in the streets in the centre of the town were scorched by a wave of searing heat. Many were killed instantly, others lay writhing on the ground screaming in agony from the intolerable pain of their

burns: Everything standing upright in the way of the blast—walls, houses, factories and other buildings, was annihilated . . . Hiroshima had ceased to exist."

But that is not the end of the story. We remember the tens and thousands who were killed instantly or worse still those who suffered a slow painful death from the effect of the burns—we forget that many are still dying horribly from the delayed effects of radiation. To this knowledge must be added the fact that we now have missiles a thousand times as dreadful; I repeat, a thousand times as borrible.



On May 11th, four months before his tragic death, Admiral of the Fleet the Earl

Mountbatten of Burma delivered an important address in Strasbourg on the occasion of the presentation of the Louise Weiss Foundation award to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. In this speech he warned of growing dangers of reliance on nuclear weapons. This important statement was presumably suppressed as it was ignored by the media in Britain. It is reproduced here to help the cause of world peace and dis-

neighbouring town—there will be no neighbouring towns left, no neighbours, there will be no help, there will be no How can we stand by and do nothing to prevent the destruction of our world? Einstein, whose centenary we celebrate this year, was asked to prophesy what weapons would be used in the Third World War. I am told he replied to the following effect:

"On the assumption that a Third World War must escalate to nuclear destruction, I can tell you what the Fourth World War will be fought with-bows and

The facts about the global nuclear arms race are

prest city of Strasbourg with what today would be regarded as relatively low yield weapons would unterly destroy all that we see around us and immediately kill probably half of its population. Imagine what the picture would be if larger nuclear strikes were to be levelled against not just Strasbourg but ten other cities in say, 200 mile radius. Or even worse, imagine what the picture would be if there was an unrestrained exchange of nuclear weapons—and this is the most appalling risk of all since, as I have already said, I cannot imagine a situation in which nuclear weapons would be used as battlefield weapons without the conflagration

Could we not take steps to make sure that these things never come about? A new world war can hardly fail to involve the all-out use of nuclear weapons. Such a war would not drag on for years. It could be all over in a matter of days.

And when it is all over what will the world be like? Our fine great buildings, our homes will exist no more. The thousands of years it took to develop our civilization will have been in vain. Our works of art will be lost. Radio, television, newspapers will disappear. There will be no means of transport. There will be no hospitals. No help can be expected for the few munilated survivors in any town to be sent from a

well known and as I have already said SIPRI has played as part in disseminating authoritative material on world armaments and the need for international efforts to reduce them. But how do we set about achieving practical measures of nuclear arms control and disarmament?

To begin with we are most likely to preserve the peace if there is a military balance of strength between East and West. The real need is for both sides to replace the attempts to maintain a balance through ever-increasing and even more costly nuclear armaments by a balance based on mutual restraint. Better still, by reduction of nuclear armaments I believe it should be possible to achieve greater security at a lower level of military con-

I regret enormously the delays which the Americans and Russians have experienced in reaching a SALT II agreement for the limitation of even one major class of nuclear weapons with which it deals. I regret even more the fact that opposition to reaching any agreement which will bring about a restraint in the production and deployment of nuclear weapons is becoming so powerful in the United States. What can their motives be?

As a military man who has given half a century of active service I say in all sincerity that the nuclear arms race has no military purpose. Wars cannot be fought with nuclear weapons. Their existence only adds to our perils because of the illusions which they have generated.

There are powerful voices around the world who still give credence to the old Roman precept—if you desire peace, prepare for war. This is absolute nuclear nonsense and I repeat-it is a disastrous misconception to believe that by increasing the total uncertainty one increases one's own certainty.

This year we have already seen the beginnings of a miracle. Through the courageous determination of Presidents Carter and Sadat and Prime Minister Begin we have seen the first real move towards what we all hope will be a lasting peace between Egypt and Israel. Their journey has only just begun and the path they have chosen will be long and fraught with disappointments and obstacles. But these bold leaders have realized the alternative and have faced up to their duty in a way which those of us who hunger for the peace of the world

Is it possible that this initiative will lead to the start of yet another even more vital miracle and someone somewhere will take that first step along the long stony road which will lead us to an effective form of nuclear arms limitation, including the banning of Tactical Nuclear

After all it is true that science offers us almost unlimited opportunities but it is up to us, the people, to make the moral and philosophical choices and since the threat to humanity is the work of human beings, it is up to man to save himself from himself.

The world now stands on the brink of the final Abyss. Let us all resolve to take all possible practical steps to ensure that we do not, through our own folly, go over the

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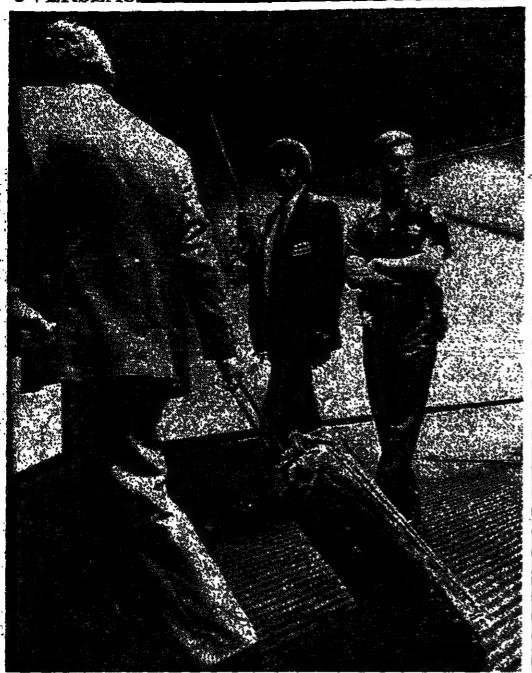
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Armed guards stand by as one of the four surviving copies of Magna Carta arrives at Dallas airport for exhibition in Texas.

sentences in Tunis trial

Tunis, March 27.-Fifteen the state security court here today for their part in the guerrilla actack on the Tunisian Army at Gafsa, a mining town in the west of the country, on

They included Fzzedin Sherif and Abmed Merzheni, accused of supervising the attack in which more than 40 people, including three attackers, died and 111 were wounded. Two were sentenced to death in their

Ten others were sentenced to hard labour for life, five of them in their absence. Five were sentenced to 20 years' hard labour and three to five years' hard labour.

A five years' prison sentence was passed on two people, one was sentenced to two years' months' imprisonment and one ed prison sentence. Out of a total of 59 before

the court accused of involve-ment in the attack, 20 were The attack on the police and

Army berracks at Gafsa was carried out by a group of guerrillas who crossed into Tunisia from Algeria. The Tunisian Government claims they were trained and financed

Libya has denied the charges.
claiming it was a popular uprising against the Tunisian Government. Tunisia subse-quently recalled its ambassador from Tripoli and expelled the Libvan Ambassador in Tunis Agence France-Presse and AP.

Japanese cancel Chile invitation

Santiago, March 27.- Japan has cancelled the official visit which was to have been made to Tokyo this week by Senor Hernan Cubillos, the Chilean Foreign Minister, who was dis-

missed on Tuesday.

The Japanese Ambassador in Santiago, Mr Genichi Akatani, said the invitation to Señor Cubillos had been personal and non-transferable." Senor Cubillos was ordered to resign by President Pinochet after the President had to cancel an official visit to Manila because President Marcos of the Philippines announced at the last minute that he would not be in Manila to meet him.-Agence

15 get death | Britain keeps low profile in the 'arc of crisis'

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

A rather gloomy picture of what is happening post-Afghani-stan emerged at Wednesday's meeting of the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs. The only part of the world where Britain is actively promoting a policy is in the Middle East, and even there one of the parties, Israel, is totally opposed to the British initiative. So the outlook is, at best, very doubtful.

In the other countries of the so-called " arc of crisis" Britain has not, it seems, got much to

Mr Douglas Hord and Mr Peter Blaker, the Foreign Office funior ministers, explained how in Pakistan we were trying to provide support; that in Iran it was all too confusing to be sure of anything; that with Iraq our relations were deteriorating; that in Saudi Arabia, Community, to think about how unfortunately, our very able ambassador is stuck in the wrong place, Jiddah, though in a few years the embassy will move to Riyadh; and that in the Gulf states it would be a mistake to try to rush things. ". It would not do the Foreign Office's reputation any good to speculate". Mr Hurd remarked when asked about the future of Iran. "I don't think it would do the Foreign Office's reputa-

We have discussed

MP for Bury St Edmunds,

replied darkly.

In reply to Mr Frank Hooley,
Labour MP for Sheffield,
Heeley, who asked about British policy towards the Palestinians, Mr Hurd finally showed some signs of enthusiasm. "We support the Camp David agree-ment and the autonomy talks", to see if they can work out an autonomy agreement which makes sense

By this, Mr Hurd explained he meant an agreement which covered land and water and ruled out future Israeli settlements.

It would not be right to des-pair at this stage, Mr Hurd went on, of something coming out of the autonomy talks. But there was a need to consider what to do if nothing did come out. That was why it seemed sensible to Britain, along with our parmers in the European to make a helpful contribution. which he has explained at the United Nations, of "plugging the gap" in Security Council

Palestinian rights, at the same time as reaffirming Israel's right to secure and recognized borders.

matters with the Israelis, and they." Mr Hurd added with a straight face, "have discussed

El Salvador gun battle ends with 11 killed

San Salvador, March 27.— Eleven people died in a gun battle yesterday in Ciudad Barrios, thte native city of the murdered Archbishop of San Salvador, Mgr Oscar Romero. The authorities said that sol-

diers carrying out a house-to-house search for arms were fired upon from inside one house they approached.

The soldiers returned the

In the firing, nine people inside the house and two soldiers were killed. The authorities gave no further

A United States Embassy source said that all dependants of American diplomats in San Salvador, were evacuated on Tuesday, one day after the murder of Mgr Romero because of fear that the assassination may

Provoke a wave of violence.
Colonel Adolfo Majano, a
member of the Salvadoran
junta, rejected a recent United junta, rejected a recent content States statement that Cuba was directly aiding Salvadoran left-ists guerrillas with arms and men. He said there was "no evidence whatsoever" for it, though some Salvadoran leftists had received guerrilla training in Cuba

The Revolutionary Coordina tor of the Masses, an organiza-tion that groups most of El Salvador's leftists and their guerrilla allies, sold a press con-ference last night that El Salva-dor had moved one step closer to revolution. The group declared itself to be on a war footing.

It said the death of Mgr tor of the Masses, an organiza-

tomero, El Salvador's leading advocate of human rights, would not be in vain. His struggle against repression and injustice would be translated on to the battlefield.

The leftists would remain on a war footing until they over-threw the civilian-military junta which has ruled the republic for the past six months.

nor José Morales Erlich, a member of the junta which is combating both left and right-wing opposition to its recently introduced social reforms, countered by saying that the left had realized it did not have the sup-

port of the people.

The Government has placed security forces on alert. Armed troops patrolled San. Salvador and armoured cars were parked at key places after a spate of bomb explosions and clashes between security forces and leftists after Mgr Romero's death.—UPI and Reuter.

Complaint by Petrosian to world chess body

Velden, Austria, March 27 .-

Tigran Petrosian, the Soviet grandmaster who lost a world chess championship quarter-linal to Viktor Kotchnoi two days ago, is to complain to the World Chess Federation (Fide). Mr Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent of The Times hief referee o said the player held him partly responsible for the defeat. Petrosian had elleged that Mr Golombek searched his rest room during the fifth game. This aunoyed me so much that I lost the game." Mr Golombek denied the charge.-Reuter.

Correction: In our report yes terday of the ninth game the 30th move should have read: P-N3, P-KR3.

tion any harm either", Mr Eldon Griffiths, Conservative Katyn spectre still haunts Poles

By Gabriel Ronay

The self-immolation of a young Pole in the main square of Cracow over the weekend was an act of desperation intended to draw world attention to the Soviet massacre of Poland's elite during the Second World War.

His placard, accusing the Soviet Union of the Katyn Forest murders, reflected the view generally held by Poles of what they call "the crime of the century"—the mass murder of 14,000 Polish officers captured by the Red Army after the Nazi-Soviet partition of Poland.

Owing to Poland's membership of the Sovier bloc, the postwar Communist governments have naturally shied away from an impartial investigation and so Katyn has become

a festering sore. In the 1940s, the intelligence services of a dozen countries carried out ruthless operations to obtain or remove vital evidence from the Katyn Forest us Nazi Germany and Sowiet Russia accused each other of the massacre. Officials were murdered,

files disappeared, a key witness was found hanged, and other witnesses and experts changed their views as the tide of the war ebbed and flowed. Shortly after the discovery of

Shortly after the biscovery the Katyn mass graves near Smolensk, by the invading German Army in 1943, Sir Winston Churchill expressed his concern over the evidence im-plicating Moscow. He made it clear, however, that for the British Government victory over Nazi Germany took precedence over Katya.

In his memoirs, Sir Winston recalled that during his talks with the Soviet Ambassador (Maisky) in 1943, "I did not ttempt to discuss facts (about

Katyn). We have got to beat Hitler. . . This is no time for

quarrels and charges ".

The Polish government in-exile in London noted with dis-may that the Allies were ready to suppress all evidence clash ing with the Soviet version of

events in Katyn.
President Roosevelt took markedly pro-Soviet stand.

"This is entirely German propaganda and a German plot. I am absolutely convinced that the Russians did not do this", he said in May, 1944.

American military intelli-gence chiefs followed faith-

the Administration line and refused to give Congress access to their findings. Their file on Karyn subsequently vanished amid strange circum stances.

Even in the post-war years the Katyn issue continued to be suppressed by the State Depart a special House of Representatives committee carried out a full investigation and laid the blame for the mass murders at Moscow's door.

World Conservation Strategy

The need to preserve genetic diversity

by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and

An appeal to self-interest is evident in the World Conservation Strategy's discussion of the need to diversity. preserve genetic

The argument is that mankind has historically depended on very few indeed of the millions of species that exist or have existed; knowingly to cause a species, or even a variety or sub-species, to become extinct is therefore the most extreme, because irreversible, folly.

For example, "almost every coffee aree in Brazil descends from a single plant", say the anonymous authors of the strategy. "These and other crops in a similar position are extremely vulnerable to out-

in that position during the 1850s, when the North Ameri-can insert Phylloxera decimated vineyards across the Continent. Only the grafting of a resistant American strain saved Europe's

wines.
The same principle applies to livestock: hen, once of interest only to poultry isociers, proved so useful for crossing with other strains to produce a quick-growing meat bird that it is effectively the basis of the broiler industry. Yet, of 145 native European cattle breeds, any one of which like the Belted Galloway or the British White, wight turn one to be the White, might turn out to be the "Cornish" of some future beef industry, 115 are close to

Medicine owes an incalculable debt to nature. One estimate is that more than 40 per cent of prescriptions issued in the United States each year richest temperate forest.

Tony Samstag continues his and to sudden unfavourable contain a drug of natural examination of a report on the changes in growing conditions" origin, deriving from plants, state of the environment issued

The European grape vine was animals or microbes. The argument for genetic diversity puts a new light on the more traditional cuddly-

animal approach to conservation, too. Studies of polar bear hair structures have helped with research into cold-weather clothing design and solar energy collectors. Armadillos, the only animal

other than man known to contract leprosy, may be instru-mental in developing a cure. Altogether something like Altogether something like 25,000 plant species and more than 1,000 vertebrate species and sub-species are endangered. Tropical rain forests, forcing grounds for growth and specia-lization, are particularly important fo rthe numbers species they nurture. A hectare (about two and a half acres) of tropical rain forest typically contains more than 100 species of large tree, as opposed to a maximum of 25 in even the

In Costa Rica observers have counted 269 bird species in a single hectare; in Peru, 410. More than 25,000 species of flowering plant, almost half of them representing general found nowhere else, are thought to exist in the south east Asian forests: those of the Philippines and Malaysia may have disappeared within the disappeared within

next decade.

When the smaller animal invertebrates-insects, molluscs, corals-are added to these figures, an educated guess is that at current rates as many as a million species will have become extinct within the next years. When they vanish forever, a good many will not event have been discovered. World Conservation Strategy (World Wildlife Fund, 29 Greville Street, London ECIN RAX, 3.50 inc. postage). A popular rersion, How to Save the World, (by Robert Allen, Kogan Page Ltd., 52.95 soft cover, 55.95 hardbound).

To be concluded.

FOREIGN REPORT

Inclusion of illegal immigrants disputed

American census Bureau at centre of several storms

When United States marshals and their are correct as many as 14 of the current 435 tion's response was been as try helpers set out by foot, boat and horse-back in 1790 to count people living in the then 16 states of the Union and the South-Western Territory they unaccountably missed Mr Thomas Jefferson, the Secretary of State and organizer of the country's first census. The oversight meant that he had to add his own name to at list posted in Philadelphia to eatch all those in the city whom the census takers. those in the city whom the census mkers had failed to trace.

After a full 18 months of counting, this baphazurd operation duly recorded that the must population consisted of just under four million "free white males over and under 16, free white females, other free persons and slaves". This was the only information that the country's first census sought to clarify.

Nineteen decades later after what is being described as the biggest mobilization of manpower and other resources in America's peacetime bustory, the organizers of the 1980 census have no great worries about reaching respectable members of society like Mr Jefferson's successors. When the forms go out later this month, the organizers' attention will be focussed on "capturing", in census jargon, those sectors of the community, like minority groups in urban centres, which are least likely to want to stand up and be counted. tion of manpower and other resources in and be counted.

The requirement to hold a census every 10 years is laid down in the United States constitution. As article I, Section 2 of that revered document explains, its main goal is to provide a basis for calculating direct cases and the number of seats to direct taxes and the unmount the House which each state is entitled in the House uniaxed "uniaxed" of Representatives. Originally "untaxed Indians" were excluded from the count and each slave was counted as three-lifths of a white inhabitant for the purpose of apportioning congressional seats.

With the abolition of slavery in the late 1860s, however, the formula was changed to give blacks the same numerical status as whites in the census count. Discrimination in the census against untaxed Indians came to an end just before the Second World War.

The number of seats each state has in the present House of Representatives was of course, determined by the last census in 1970. But the United States is now a country in which one in every five amilies moves home each year and such mobility of population is bound to be reflected in the composition of the 1982 Congress—the first to be based on new figures provided by this year's count. As part of its regular workload, the Census Bureau keeps a close watch on population shifts and if its latest estimates

of Representatives. States in the booming south and west like Florida. California and Texas would gain representatives at the expense of those in the urban north such as New York, Permsylvania and

In the pest, this part of the census operation has proved to be fairly uncontroversial although obviously no state has liked to see a reduction in its voting strength in Congress. This time round however, the Census Bureau has found

The problem that has caused the most headaches at the Census Bureau headquarters in a disused bospital on the outcirts of Washington is the question of hether illegal immigrants should or should not be increased in the count.

Ironically enough, a dispute which has developed into a legal confrontation between the bureau and an organization working to put a stop to illegal immigration sught never have come about if the organizers of the 1980 census had not made a special effort to account for members of minority groups missed in the last

After a post-mortem on the 1970 census, the bureau discovered that it had probably failed to count some 5,300,000 people, representing 2.5 per cent of the total population. More significantly, though, the margin of error was much greater among blacks, 7.7 per cent of whom were over-looked, than among whites, where a mere-

1.9 per cent went uncounted. With political power as well as the distribution of thousands of millions of dollars worth of federal funds directly linked to the information provided by the census, the outcry among minority groups was loud and immediate. "Each minority group felt it was not getting its fair share of any particular pie, says Mr Dan Levine, the bureau's deputy director. "And of course they turned on the one organization which they thought should provide the best data—us."

In its campaign to reach even the smallest minority govern this time.

smallest minority group this time— publicity is being distributed in such unlikely tongues as Tagalog, a Philippine dialect, and Thai, for example—the bureau has made no attempt to determine the legal status of anyone. This is in line with past practice.

But the decision to include lilegal immigrants in the count has run into strong opposition from the Federation for American Immigration Reform (Fair), whose emotive acronym takes no account of the sensibilities of illegal alieus or indeed any minority group. The organiza

illegal immigrants are excluded

Fair's view is that to inch who are in the country illegall the "one man, one vote" tilluting the population base congressional seats and federal apportioned. It has calcul example that the inclusion immigrants in the total popula affect the distribution of up t gressional seats. The exact n illegal immigrants is unkn estimates range from three

million. The Census Bureau, on the o argues that the inclusion of ille in the count is totally in accord talks in general terms about and the "whole number meaning the total population. "whole number of Moreover, any attempt to

almost certainly destroy public in what is intended to be statistical exercise. Not on alieus probably lie about their they were asked, but they respond at all if such a que included in the questionnaire, quite reasonably points out. So far the courts, including the Court, have sided with the Cen But the legal wrangle is like tinue into the 1980s as prepara

for the 1990 census.

Other problems confronting Bureau have been less time corequally troublesome. They have a flood in the bureau's headquay put three of the main comput commission for a while, snags and addressing the 36 million naires needed for the cause, as publicized dispute over the reof the man in charge of taking

Mr Levine is not at all pertire the controversy which hes sort year's census. There have be problems in the past, he says base been resolved quietly a glare of publicity.

"The minute you arrest doll

"The minute you arrach dol to statistics you have raised to wareness and very often the the tidings is the oblame", he explains. lived in a sort of an ivory town nization in a quiet Washing

Embassy siege

Colombia at the political crossroads

Whatever the final outcome of the seizure of hostages in the Dominican Republic Embassy in Bogota, fears are mounting that a new wave of repression will engulf Colombia one of Latin America's most vulnerdemocracies-once it is tine-style proportions.

Colombian democracy was not in very good health before the M-19 movement seized the embassy, but President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala, stung by international criticism of human and civil rights, had hinted that he might lift some of his Goverument's most repressive legis-lation later this year. That faint hope has now vanished. Today the Colombian people's finely-tuned sense of humour

barely conceals growing concern about the future once, as seems the most likely outcome, the diplomatic hostages are freed and their captors (with or without the 311 political prisoners and \$50m they are demanding) flown out of the country.
Their nervousness is natural

Their nervousness is natural in the face of the most serious national crisis since the 1948 assassination of Jorge Elector Gaician, the Liberal politician and trade union leader. His death led to riots which wretked much of Bogota, brought the nation to the brink of revolution and triggered the of revolution and triggered the "Violencia" period of civil war in which 250,000 were killed before the military intervened

in 1953.
The "Violencia" is a national nightmare so deeply engrained

on the Colombian consciousness that the leading left-wing weekly Alternativa has accused: M.19 of risking a backlash which could plunge Colombia into a new "Violencia.", this into a new time of contemporary Argen-

scenario. A more likely parallel is with Uruguay. Indeed, even before the embassy siege, many Colombians felt their nation had already reached a Uruguayan situation—with a pin-stripped civilian sitting in the presidential palace as front for policy-makers of more khaki stripe.
Although differences from the Iranian hostage situation are

obvious, it would be wrong to say that M-13 did not enjoy, at least before it took the embassy, a considerable ground-swell of support among the urban poor and middle class. Its basic aims—social justice and genuine democracy—are shared by most Colombians who believe that democracy was effectively killed by Liberal-Conservative ballotrigging in the first post. Violencia presidential electrons in 1970. The dential elections in 1970. The successful sim of the two main parties was to deny victory going to the populist Peron-style alliance led by Gustavo Rojas Piniila the former dictator. Nor has M-19 ever been a

guerrilla movement in the classic Che Guevara mould. Urban warfare in Colombia is virtually non-existent and M-19 has always specialized in well-organized, during and invariably good-humoured sounts geared to poke fun at the Government and military. Apart from the murder of a corrupt labour leader three years ago (an act which damaged its "Robin Hood" image), its actions have generally appealed

spectacular and absurd. Although supposedly leftist, M-19 and its adventures are not a source of amusement to the Colombian Left, Enrique Santos Calderon, a much-respected columns on the Bogota daily El Tiempo and an influential member of the democratic socialist alliance Firmes, remarks: "M-19 has demonstrated a great mestery of organizing mathematically-planned but a nonable lack of percention in assimiliating the reper-

He was referring to the last M-19 spectacular—a military arms robbery last year—which led to many political arrests. An even more severe crackdown is feared by the Left once the cur-rent crisis passes.

Another cause for concern on

cussions ".

the Left is the damage M-19's action may inflict on the tradition of political asylum. Last year a flood of opponents of the regime were granted refuge in foreign embassies, Will the current diplomatic hostages be as disposed to help such people when they are finally freed? The seizure of the embassy is indicative of Colombia's deepening political crisis, the most alarming feature of which is the people's total disillusion

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of recent Colon leaders, has given we calling for calm d after the current cpational malaise of alized corruption, ; repression crime an isolated demonstr audacify but rather reform of which caachieved by seeking all Colombians of a That would be all

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With the two or and the democratic hopelessly splintered organized, a frighter country of 25 milli wealth is distributed | evenly even by Latin standards; per capi hovers a little above the frustrated urban

growing in numbers. Geoffrey M

This week Food Report contends that the domestic kitchen is becoming obsolete in Britain. It will not disappear, of course. People will still need to wash their socks even if they cease to wash cups and plates. They will still need to store food even if they do not want to cook

Nevertheless there is plenty of evidence that the importance of the kitchen in household layours is diminishing. Once it was the scrubbed citadel of the lady of the house or her cook. Now it is being reduced either to a cubbyhole with room for a sink or freezer, or it is being merged with something else to become what estate agents' call
a "kitchen/dizing area."

The most cursory exercination of what marketing men call "the in-home situation" shows that there has been slow but inemrable change in the past generation. Building plots have shrunk so that what was once garden has been reduced to a morsel of space large enough for a dustbin, but for little else. Less than 25 years ago many

of the cheanest new houses

were built with a separate

Changing lifestyles

Demise of the dining room

often with a separate pentry as well. Since then the costs of land, buildings and the money with which to buy them have risen steeply. Moreover, builders have been expected to provide garages on plots smaller than those where garages were not expected in the past. Something has had to

> dining room has been the obvious casualty.
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> At the same time there has been a trend for families to eat less formal and elaborate meals. and to eat away from home more often than before. That may be surprising to those who rejoice in the opportunity to prepare their own food. Surely. they will say, the vast quantity of cookery books that floods on

to the market, not to mention

in newspapers and magazines,

hordes of recipes published

make way for progress, and in

the past 20 years the separate

are evidence of a strong interest in food. So they are. But interest does not necessarily mean action, and there is a growing number of householders whose culinary skill does not extend beyond an ability to boil in the bag and to its refrigerator now puts 60 in

place the foil tray in the oven.
It is difficult to say whether the demise of the dining room preceded the social trend to ear less formally, or whether it came in the wake of the trend. Whatever the order of events, the trend is very marked. Dining rooms have disappeared in many builders' designs, and kitchens are shrinking.

have been superseded by the wall cupboard and the freezer that most modern of domestic appliances, has had to change its shape to accommodate itself to the tiny modern kitchen. Ten years ago most freezers were long chests with ample space for a dismembered nig. Today a growing proportion of freezers are of the upright variety. In many modern houses and flats there is simply not room for the chest shape. In many households the main use of the freezer is not to preserve sides of meat and buckets of home-grown vegetables, but to reduce the number.

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its freezer. There evidence that people time shopping than I expedition to a lar market has repla-periodic foray to the h with a single basket. The reduced rig family life, the growin of people who live a The pantry and meat safe

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at hand, who needs a Hugh C

ly ncellor's plans attacked as a Cost of social security must be checked if tax reforms are not to be impeded Stoppn those least able to bear it

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orth Sea oil which was ig 5 per cent to gap efficing the balance of £8,000m and adding the prospect of being an our competitors, it y worse. The United unission had shown t of western Europe an increase in output in this year while the

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biggest error in the nomically was the fiscal im at curring the PSBR erms when inflation had lah, when the economy ng far below capacity vings ratio had risen to nt in the last quarter of was a staggering figure. gent monearist would rigorous a PSBR in this

ecause the Government

money supply and interest rates that he had described it as being devoted to punk monetarism. (Laughter.)

People have asked (he continued) what punk monetarism is. I will tell them. Punk monetarism is a monetary policy based on a half-baked understanding of half-baked doemas. baked dogmas.

And the present Government is

crucifying the British people and crucifying British industry on a false dogma, attachment to which would not justify an A level in economics. The Chancellor would not even have got through the 11-plus. (Renewed laughter.)

The only compensation the Chancellor offered to the business-

Chancellor offered to the businessmen he was about to bankrupt was that they would be able to start up again in their own backyards a little easier than a year ago.

They could make a beeline for one of the Chancellor's new combat zones. He was planning to set up a series of Californian mining town in which "everything goes".

He was going to litter the country with Sohos. The only good thing to come out of the budget was that it might at last become possible to get a passport to Pimlico. (Laughter.)

Some of the Chancellor's cuts were Some of the Chancellor's cuts were

indiscriminate because by holding cash limits at a level which would be at least 2 per cent below the level of inflation, and which would turn our to be 4 or 5 per cent, he would force all public authorities, national, local, nationalized indus-tries and the national health service, to make further cuts in their spending it they took his advice.

A lot of these cuts in spending would be achieved by increases in

charges. There would be another big boost to the retail price index by increases in rents, rates, fuel, electricity and fares because there would be no other way in which the authorities were able to achieve the authors.

achieve the savings.

There would be another great increase in the RPI as a result of this indiscriminate tightening of cash limits.

What was more serious was that in some cases the cuts in cash limits would be schieved through cuts in capital spending which in the case of the Central Electricity Generating Board would mean forgoing investment in new sources of going investment in new sources of

going investment in new sources of energy which were desperately required by the country.

The public expenditure White Paper showed that many of the cuts would be achieved by savage cuts in the standards of public services. The local authorities were saying that there could be no new council building over the next four years, and the leading education authorities were saying that there was going to be a further decline in educational standards just at the moment when the Government's moment when the Government's own strategy desperately required

an improvement.

The biggest single thrust in the public expenditure White Paper was to put the burden of savings on those least able to bear it—the old, sick, children, poor and unemployed, (Labour cheers.)

The first example was the unforgiveable increase in prescription charges to fi next December. This in the strictest sense of the word was cheating the sick. The Conservatives had referred to this when seeking votes in the last election.

A statement issued by the Paymaster General (Mr Angus Mande) had quoted Mrs Thatcher as saying that they had no intention of increasing such charges.

There could not be a more

There could not be a more straightforward case of electoral deceir than what the Government was doing on prescription charges—(Labour cheers)—and what it had already done-twice There could not oce it mok office.
The Government was also chest-

ing families by increasing child benefit by only 75p after 18 months without any increase when at least £1.20 was needed to keep pace with inflation.

The Conservative Party won the last election on a series of lies. The Government could have raised child benefit to \$1.20 by imposing

e gentle levy on the excess profits of the clearing banks. There was still time, while the rinere was still time, while the Finance Bill was going through the House, in speed up his book at the profits of the clearing banks impose a tax on those excess profits and spend the proceeds on an increase in the child benefit.

The Government was cheating ally unaware of the facts PSBR, the growth of

the old over pensions and the effect of abolishing the lower rate band would be to require over one

million pensioners to pay an exer-sp in the pound on every little bit of extra income or earnings they might be able to provide. It meant a severe fall in living standards for The Government was also chesting the sick and the unemployed by cutting £1.50 off the increases in

It was chearing those who baid earnings-related supplement in the expectation of baving their unconployment pay raised in relation to their income. They would see their income cut from £98 a week on average to £40 a week at a stroke.

When the proposal was put to the Conservative Party conference in 1973 the Storetary of State for Industry (Sir Keith Joseph), no less, said that to adopt it would be to return to the social standards of Mr Bumble and Mr Gradgrind, He

I hope (he said) that the Consera tope (as sail) capable of lis-tening to this type of appeal. If it s not , instic worthy to represent the people of this country. (Fur-ther Labour cheers.)

The tax advantage for ordinary people was cancelled by the in-crease in duties on drink, tobacco and petrol. That was at a time when in April there would be massive increases in reput, rates and gas, electricity and prescription charges. The only benefit would increase substantially in monty terms for everybody above that

That inequity was carried further by the cuts in capital transfer tax and capital gains tax, both of which gave further benefits to the wealthy. The most symbolic of the Government's actions was the decision to increase DHSS staff by 1,000 to recover a few million pounds from people it called social security acrounteers.

He had beard this morning that the Inlast Revenue staff was to be increased by 1,580 to collect taxes from people who were deemed to have been paid £12 by their union when they were an strike although the head of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation thought it would be impossible for practical reasons to implement it. At the same time, it was cutting staff devoted entirely to recovering some of the entirely to recovering some of the through the evenion.

The budget contained a succession of mean, vicious and vindictive measures which were calculated to cause mmeters are suffering to the poor, old, sick and unemployed and to engage those places to the poor, old sick and the poor old sick and the state of the second of close to the poor, old, sick and

No wonder one Conservative MP was said to have referred to it as a real Tory Budger at last.

informed campaign inst justice Bill reversing the rising trend and it would do this in a balanced and sensible way. Lord McCluskey, for the Opposition, said he still questioned the value of the clause on search for offensive weapons. It was unfortunste that the Government did not accept the proposal that the part of the Bill dealing with police powers should be introduced for an experimental period. The Bill's crinics were all concerned with the promotion of the public interest and the improvement of relations between the public and the police. It was not too late to stop confronting the critics.

arliament there had been ous and at times ill-in-ampaign of oposition to tinal Justice (Scotland) I Mansfield, Minister of Scotland, said when he third reading. The cam-id been based on the that the Bill seriously र्म टांगी तंशोछ. er that charge (he said)ve that the supreme civil
the freedom to go about
siness without fear of
a personal property. are and me pource, it was not not late to stop confronting the critics and try to meet them half way. He urged the Government to do that before the Bill returned to the lieve decoly and funda-in the citizen's right to e will be protected from intes of the criminally in-Lord Ross of Marnock (Lab) said the football offences clauses all related to buses and drunkenness.

id the violently disposed. eroded in recent years. concerned to reverse that halt the ever increasing of crime, particularly in offences. The reversal pe achieved without giving powers to our bus me powers to our law en-it agencies. We accept wers must be precisely and defined. The provisions of chieve the right balance. ill attempted to do someoout the increasing and ble habit of carrying . It tried to grapple with blem of alcohol related at major sporting events. it to curb the growth in an important step towards

) more days

in business in the House of ns next week will be: : Continuation of Budget

: Conclusion of Budget

Investment

When Commons amendments to the Companies Bill were consi-

related to buses and drunkenness. There was no good passing a law unless it was enforceable. The idea of an international match between Scotland and England with all the people travelling there and not a single drop of whisky, lager or beer passed comprehension. How many police was it going to take meanth everyone going into the

to search everyone going into the ground to ensure they had not a

flask or small bottle?
Since the Bill had been going through the House there had not been a case involving buses but there had been a case involving railway trains. They had to deal with Erich Rail as well.

assets. Restricting investment comonly could prove unduly onerous.

The amendment was agreed to.

and guidance to the public.

sickness, unemployment benefit which they would otherwise be allowed. It was doing the same with young mothers by cutting maternity allowances to the same

extent.

average to £40 a week at a stroke.

The final proposal the Government was making in this area was to punish the families of men or women on strike in a way no government had ever proposed to punish the families of murderers, rapists or thieves. It was doing it is for no economic, social or industrial reason but out of sheer vindictiveness. (Renewed Labour theers.)

If Conservative MPs had no moral computation and ignored the disastrous effect on industrial effect on industrial relations which effect on industrial relations which this proposal would have, the should at least reflect on what the Secretary of State for Industry told their party conference on October 12, 1973, when he was apptaing simply to their sense of political interest. His words were well-constructed and gave a revealing insight into the general attitude of intelligent Conservatives to these problems.

unamployed.

The effect can only be (he said) to divide our nation at a time when we need unity; to create dispair and apathy when above all we need hope and determination. I thought, until I heard the Chancellor yesterday, that this House would have agreed without distinction of party that it was the duty of any British Government to wage war on poverty, unemployment and sickness, but this Government has sat itself to wage war on the poor, unemployed and sick.

No wonder one Conservative MP

(1) To examine and report on the design submitted by Home Office Architects Branch for a glass reinforced plastic shelter to accommodate six to eight persons by arranging for the construction of a prototype and its erection on a size or sizes in order to deter-mine:

conditions; ii. the durability of the structure and its ability to withstand the effects of weather and water; ili. any necessary modification to the design and method of construction; lv. the protection afforded against

heat, blast and fallout;
v. probable relevant costs.
(2) To consider what advice might be given to members of the public wishing to make provision for domestic shelter at their own

semi-permanent adaptation to buildings under construction or in existence;

b. in peacetime by making preperations and in crisis by rapid action to provide shelter of higher standard than a refuge room as contemplated in Pro-tect and Survive; taking account

ii. To submit a final report and recommendation.

(4) The working group shall have power to co-opt additional members as necessary for the discussion of specific matters.

The group's report will be produced as soon as possible and will solve the followed by the issue of additional transfer.

Mr John Bitten, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Oswestry, C) said that an enduring characteristic about budget debates was the conribution MPs expected and received from Mr Healey. It was a blend of pugnacity, foreboding and selective charm. They had had the slightly ageing joke about punk monetarism.

I can only say (he continued) that as Mr Healey elaborated his policies, I felt that the judgment was coming from Johnny Rotten

Despite the opportunism being displayed by Mr Healey and the Labour Party in their release from office there had been a broad understanding about the need to redirect taxation, public spending and borrowing as a means of reducing the rate of inflation. It was a most significant budget

in relation to those issues of borrowing and spending. Aneuria Bevan had said that Aneurin Bevan had said that the language of priorities was the religion of socialism. The public expenditure White Paper was no hible of socialism but it considered the key issues of public spending in the context of making tholes of priorities. tholces of priorities.

That choice, however difficult, was the unavoidable and mature responsibility for government, and no government could abdicate that and have responsibility for public spending at whatever its level. The White Paper indicated that the Government intended to fulfid its election commitment to increasing defence spending. It was a matter of balanced political judgment what premium for national security should be paid for by the defence budget and the Government was resolved, given the increasingly uncertain world of today, that that premium must be increased.

On health the Government had stood by its election pledge to keep to the level of spending planned by its predecessors. In constant prices, the gross figure rose from £7,900m in 1979-80 to £8,500m four years hence. The gross amounts were partly off-set by income from charges.

set by income from charges.

They wanted to encourage private voluntary effort in respect of the health service. The budget pointed to substantial changes in the tex arrangements for charities and the Government hoped health would benefit from these concessions. The Health Services Bill would facilitate the raising of local funds and continuing efforts to streamline and make the service more efficient could result in the release of more funds for direct patient care.

Expenditure on the fight against time was planned to increase in In 1980-81 expenditure on the social security programme would be nearly £20,000m at 1979 prices —25 per cent of total public expenditure. Ten years ago it was about \$12,000m or 18 per cent of total public expenditure.

Making allowances for the replacement of child tax allowance and family allowance by child benefit, which distorted the picture assnewbat, expenditure on social security would have grown

Mr Leon Brittan, Minister of State, Home Office, in a written reply, said—On January 31, 1980, 4,226 persons were awaiting trial and 2,256 persons who had been

in prison department establishments in England and Wales. Of those who were awaiting trial, 113 were juveniles and of those awaiting seatence 174 were juveniles.

Awaiting trial

or sentence

by about 30 per cent and national income by 15 per cent. He reck-oned this was partly because the number of beneficiaries, pen-sioners and unemployed, had increased but the trend was worry-

It must be checked if the social security budget was not to crowd out other legitimate public spendout other regulate photic spend-ing and impede tax reforms. This meant they had to shape their social security policies so as to direct help to the old and those in greatest beed.

Thus they had retained price protection for pensioners, in-creased the rate of supplementary benefit in line with the expected rise in the cost of living, given more to those on FIS and one parent families, and increased The increase in child benefit to

£4.75 would disappoint those who wanted to see it increased to the wanted to see it increased to the movement of prices from April 1979 to November 1980 or who wanted to see a real improvement. Mr Jenkin gave his answer to the critics in the debate on th report stage of the Social Security Bill when he drew attention to the while the comparison for the That was the comparison for the the compari public expenditure cost. That was the main abswer to the point. The Government had also responded to the widespread call

for changes to social security ex-penditure and had made the deci-sions announced by Mr Jenkin from a public expenditure point of view, these decisions had not been taken from any arasistic hostility to the welfare state, but rested on the simple point that social security benefits must be related to the nation's taxable

capacity. Even on current expectations, expenditure in 1982-83 on social security would be higher than ar present, but the Government had sought to check the movement upwards and stabilize the level of expenditure, concentrating help on the most vulnerable sections. The ability to spend more on social security rested on the country's ability to increase its prosperity. Of significant economies, a major programme was education, where

eductions were associated with the expected fall in school numbers. There would be 800,000 fewer children in schools in 1983-84 than in the coming year, which repre-sented a 9 per cent reduction in three years.

The reduction would be from £8,500m to £8,000m but because of the falling numbers this did not imply any deterioration in educational standards. On housing, public expenditure would fall from £4,700m to £2,800m over the years of the survey period. The Government attached great im-

portance to housing and housing conditions had improved greatly over the past 30 years. Britain's housing standards compared well with those of its more successful international competitors. Over the last 30 years, home ownership had grown from 31 to 55 per cent of households, and the Government's measures would

Citizens band

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Mr Timothy Raison, Minister of State, Home Office, in a written reply, said—In the less six months

of correspondence about citizens

band radio. The overwhelming

radio

the last Government recognized this, and between 1976 and 1979 the level of new house building approvals in the public sector dropped. Expenditure on rents subsidies

increased by about one fifth in real terms. By the time the last Government left office, council rents were a lower proportion of earnings than at any time in the last 20 years. A further reduc-tion in the level of housing subsidies was justifiable as well as necessity.

These proposals contributed to-wards achieving the expenditure savings needed and moved towards housing improvements which were less constrained by political interrention and more responsive to

The Government needed to restrict national and regional assistance and concentrate it on those parts of the country with the most intractable problems of unemployment.

It had made substantial reduc-tions in the provisions for the expenditure by the National Enter-prise Board. It had also looked to the employment and training pro-gramme for a contribution towards required reductions. It would continue to support cost-effective proposals which helped groups like young people who were bardest bit by unemployment.

The Youth Opportunities Programme would be expanded by 210,000 to 250,000 or 250,000, but expenditure must be held to the level the country could afford. The Government had dropped

reduce the total expenditure on the programme by 20 per cent. There was a clear message in the Chancellor's programme which was the necessity for Parliament to live with and through a time cycle which was essential for the success of a sound monetary

The Chancellor was courageous in making that appeal because time was a commodity most grudgingly conceded in politics. He had widespread support in and outside the House. There had obviously been criticisms of the policy as would be expected in the House as the appropriate forum for debate and criticism. Some Conservative members had spoken in favour of an incomes policy.

One could set out hoping that an incomes policy would do the trick. It would be foolish to suppose it could be merely limited to incomes and not to prices. All too often what had started as good intentions ended involving the law and then some industrial im-

passe. What could begin as a summer picuic could all too often end in a Passchendaele. The budget sought above all to secure the time necessary for the central policy to succeed. In some areas there were already changes to be seen which would be ad-

Back to the beat

Mr Bric Heffer (Liverpool, Wal-ton, Lab) said the budget had to be looked at on the basis of the crisis in the whole of the western world. The crisis could be dealt with an the basis of equality throughout the community.

It was also a prerequisite for Tory industrial policy based on

free enterprise and the reward of

Ten months ago a mandate was secured for the policies being pursued; policies designed for the

span of a full Parliament. Time

would be their judge and viti-

The public sector borrowing

requirement target was much too low and could certainly at this

stage of the trade and economic cycle be increased by at least

The case for relying solely upon strict control of the money supply without regard to the harm it was doing to industry and the social fabric had not been made out.

Mr Peter Hordern (Horsbam and

Crawley, C) said that Mr Healey lacked credibility. It was rather as if Horario Borromley was pre-tending to be the chief cashier of the Bank of England.

compassion drummer

success in the economy.

The Government's way of dealing with it was to put the full burden on the shoulders of cost burden on the shoulders of ordi-nary working people. More exports to

and spirits.

not attractive.

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United States

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister of State for Trade, in a written reply, said—The level of United Kingdom £4,047m in 1979, which represen-ted 9.5 per cent of total United Kingdom exports. This was an

Mr Leon Brittsin, Minister of State, Home Office, said during quantions that following a review of local police arrangements by the Metropolitan Police Commissioner up to 1,200 officers would be redeployed from administrative duties.

Proposals are fair to all and protect the weak

The Budget offered least help to single people, more help to mar-ried people and most help to fam-lies, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said at question

time.

Mr John Browne (Winchester, C) said many people would have welcomed the budget as extremely helpful—(Conservative cheers)—particularly the enlightened provisions for the rejuvenation of our inner cities—(Labour laughter)—and the rejuvenation of small businesses.

Many people will feel (he went on) that a monetarist budget can only work effectively in a free economy. Will she reassure the Rouse of her dedicated efforts to break down the ill-effects of two cartels—the public employers and the trades unions who operate a closed shop without a mandate? closed shop without a mandate?
Mrs. Margaret Thatther (Barnet, Finchley, C)—Many people will welcome the budget which protects the weak and is fair to all. It has enterprizing proposals for that vitality of the economy.

We must reduce the role of the state, particularly as an employer, and we are passing through densitional ways of the power of the state, particularly as an employer.

We must deal with the power of the unions. There are certain im-portant proposals on the closed shop in the Employment Bill. Mr David Steel leader of the Liberal Party (Roxyburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L—How does she

incentive society, the failure to uprate child benefit in line with inflation and the abolition of the lower rate band?

Mire Thatcher—The lower rate bend was practically the top rate on the whole for people working part-time. The Chancellor took the view. I believe rightly, that it was most important to increase the per-sonal allowances. That will have the biggest possible effect. Child benefit has been increased

by some 162 per cent, which is a considerable increase. If he looks, at the overell effect of the budget, he will find that it offers least belp to single people more help to married people and most help to Mr James Hamilton (Bothwell, Lab)—Will the budget increase unemployment? Will she tell the trade unions that the Government

ing that by the legislation it is porting through the House? Mrs Thatcher-It is expected, unfortunately, that unemployment will rise. (Labour cries of "shame") It rose very heavily during the lifetime of the last Gov-

erument. (Labour protests.) It was There are certain cases of over-Future jobs must come from the vitality of small businesses about which the budget was forthcoming. Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition (Cardiff, South-East Lab)—During the last 18 months

of the Labour Government there was a month by month reduction in the level of nuemployment and a substantial reduction in inflation at the same time. If she is going to bandy figures, she should insert that in her record.

Why are the Government cutting

down on measures to assist the unemployed including skilled Mrs Thatcher—I would not quarrel with him in the figures he presented. He inherited some 600,000 unemployed and it went up to well over double during the Rictima of the Labour Government.

Some of the skilled centre places were not fully taken up and it did not seem right and proper to continue those places.

tinue those places. Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab)-

Mr loan Evans (Aberdare, Lab)—
When the rate of inflation has
doubled under this Government
and is likely to be 20 per cent
again next year, does she feel that
the Chancellor is justified in making a five-fold increase in prescriping a five-fold increase in press zon charges? This is a tax on sick. Mrs Thatcher-The rate of infla-

Mis Thatcher—The rate of infla-tion I am afraid will rise for a littl iton I am afraid will rise for a little more yet. The Chancellor was careful nor to put up the re-tail price index very much— (Labour laughter)—in the changes he made in the budget. A number of people had been expecting much higher increases in taxes and charges in the budget. and charges in the budget.

By the time the prescription charges of £1 comes in in

December the cost of a prescription will be about £2.90p almost three times the amount which people pay for it. Some 55 per cent of prescriptions go to people who pay nothing because they are in the exempt groups. Mr William Waldegrave (Bristol.

West, C)—Although some of her colleagues will want to argue about individual items in the Chancellor's broad programme, this will in no way reflect the spormous majority of the party which is behind the broad strategy which the Chancellor put forward yester-

Mrs Thatcher-It is the only strutegy which will get Britain back to osperity and self-respect in the furnre.

Mir Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab)—Is it fair that steel workers are offered 5 per cent when local authority workers have been offered 14 per cent and when the rate of inflation is near 20 per cent and prescription charges are to go up fivefold over 12 months? Where is the consistency?

Mrs Thatcher-The consistency is that people have to earn their keep. No one can expect it from anyone else. (Conservative cheers.) I thought be was in favour of free collective bargaining? Earnings vary with the circum-stances of a particular industry. Perhaps he will look at the time when prescription charges did not go up. It was a long time.

to have benefits cut Policy was designed to reduce inflation and interest rares and to seek stable currency. This was a pre condition essential for a Torrestellar to the condition of the condition Tory social policy based on the concept of nation and family and Provisions to implement changes in supplementary benefits for for the application of relevant wolfare benefits through a part-nership of voluntary and state strikers' families outlined in the Chancellor's budget speech will be in a Bill to be published tomorrow (Friday), Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services,

All strikers

announced. He made a statement on the He made a statement on the uprating of social security benefits, the main changes being those revealed in the Budget. Legislation would also be needed to implement other changes he detailed (reported on another page) and this will also be in the Bill.

He contined manuace 4

The nation (he said) will be more socially cohesive behind these policies, which stick to a degree of realism, than the sort He outlined measures to help He outlined measures to help pensioners, the disabled and others with heating fuel costs. A total of over £200m a year on special help for those least able to cope with rising fuel costs. The Budget and Mr Jenkin's statement made a fundamental attack on millions of working people and unemployed. Mr up from the Labour benches to-Mr Richard Wainwright (Color Valley, L) said the country was bewildered. The people were being led into a period of years of austerity without any proper explanation of what it was all for, where it was leading to and how they were to get out of the tunnel. He prophesied that a u-turn would be forced on the Government when unemployment reached intolerable levels.

people and unemployed. Mr
Stanley Orme, chief Opposition
spokesman on social services, said
during questions on the statement.
The last time (he said) that
unemployment benefit was
reduced in real terms in this
country was in 1928.
By abotishing the reduced rate
band of tax and falling to
increase child benefits in line with
inflation, he has helped to reduce
increased the depth of the poverty increased the depth of the poverty

The proposals about the families of strikers and the deeming of £12 £2,000m.

The worst piece of sabtoage in the budget was the destruction of the lower rate band of increased tax. Putting up to 30 per cent the initial impact of tax on what was virtually poverty earnings would have a cruel effect. is a direct attack upon the trade union movement. We have the position where law-abiding position where law-abiding families are being treated on a different basis to families of con-victed people.

Families of convicted people There had been a betrayal on the issue of child benefit by what was always widely advertised as "the party of the family". The 75p Increase was a scandal. It should be at least £1.20 if they had to wait until November.

queht to be preated decently but this Government is making an example of families of people who are on strike.

The prescription charge proposal is a direct tax on health. It is outrageous that even before the 70p increase has come into effect the increase to £1 has already been announced.

The earnings related benefit proposal is explaint, since people since are on strike.

nosal is robbery since people since 1966 have contributed to earnings related benefit. related betterit.

By not raising child benefit by

\$1.20 he is hirting the normal
family and those on lower incomes. He is devaluing child benecomes, he severally climber of the fit, something he had paid its service to time and again and something to which the Conservatives in their manifestos have twice stated their adherence. Here we are having a direct reduction.

Mr Jenkin—At the start of his what can Public expenditure should have been out faster at an earlier stage. The Chancellor should have put higher charges on tobacco, wines Industry was in a parlous con-dition. Investment conditions were remarks he engaged in what can only be described as a piece of political bysteria. To describe this package as a fudamental attack on millions of working people is sheer

rubbish.
The amount of supplementary benefit paid to the steel strikers to date is over £8m. The unions at the centre of the strike have paid not one penny piece in strike pay. If our proposal had been in effect it would have been half that

Sixty six per cent of prescrip-tions go to people who are exempt. On child benefit, the combined effect of the announcement yesterday was an 11 per cent increase on an annual besis on the personal allowances.

The rate of increase in the child benefit of 18.75 per cent over 19 months is equivalent to 11 per cent over 12 months. They are cent over 12 months. They are closely in line. We are entitled to call this a family budger. Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L)

To deem people to have earned money they have never received is unprecedented. Why does he not take powers to work out the total and san the holl to sum involved and sen the bill me the union involved, or is he arraid of the unions?

Mr Jenkin-Neither the Chancellor nor I have said anything about deeming. The amount of supplementary benefit to which the striker with his family should be entitled will be reduced by £12 and will apply to all strikers because it is reasonable to assume they will have made to their unious contributions to cover this in the event of a strike.

Nuclear shelter sales in US

Mr Frank Aliaum (Salford, East, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Defence what was the nature of the five-day show of Great Bri-tain's advanced defensive tuchniques in nuclear, chemical and germ warfare in Washington next

equipments developed in the United Kingdom which offer protection against nuclear, chemical and biological attack. The exhibition has been arranged in response to United States Government interest in United Kingdom protective equipment which already has a high reputation. Any sales of such equipment to the United States Government would have our sup-

Balance and taste of programmes a matter for the BBC

Decisions about possible cuts in BBC services and the balance and taste of programmes were matters for BBC governors and not the Government, Mr William White-law, Home Secretary, said during questions.

the colour television licence from the colour television licence from the tast of programmes were matters. I did not hear many voices in this House raised at that time suggested the say I have conversely. They are appreciated by the governors of the BBC. They are the people who have to act on this matter.

Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirling-shire, Lab) had asked—When he meets the chairman of the gover-nors of the BBC, will he tell him that there is widespread concern in Scotland about the possible scrapping of the symphony orchestra and schools' broadcasting service in Scotland?

Will he ensure that the BBC gets with the elastic that the Govern-ment to continued these services which are so important for the educational and cultural life of people to Scotland? Will be ensure that the BBC gets

win he ensure mat the bat gets enough money from the Govern-ment to continue these services which are so important for the educational and cultural life of people in Scotland? Mr Whitelaw (Penrith and the Border, C)—I do not think it needs any words of mine in view of the strong feelings quite properly expressed in different parts of the country, about the proposals of the BBC to cut down expenditure. The exact decisions, which have not yet been made, are a matter for the governors and not one in

which I could, or should, inter-

He must remember that I raised

grammes where the object appears to be to put some organization in the dock—as for instance our security forces in Northern Ire-land, the Thames Water Authority. the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston, or

responsibility, is not good enough? (Conservative cheers.) Mr Whitelaw-These are matters for the governors of the BBC, quite rightly, within the independ-

Nationwide programme arsonists in Wales. A heavy responsibility lies on those in ultimate charge of trans-mission of these programmes to show a degree of investigative journalism to theck the truth of the facts put out in the pro-grammes. Otherwise they can only be alarmist and damaging to the

Mr Whitelaw-Rightly, strong views have been expressed to the hairman of the governors. I see that he sought in the newspapers to reply and further discussions Mr Ernest Armstrong (Durham,

In the northern region any deterioration in the service will be regarded with resentment because we have been the Cinderella for too long. Mr Whitelaw-In general terms the

broadcasting authority; we must respect their independence.

Mr John Farr (Harborough, C)—Will be draw the attention of the Director General to the disquiet among many MPs about the way late evening viewing of the BBC has deteriorated in recent months.

There has been a big increase in Mr Whitelaw-I note that, I see

Mr Whitenw—1 note that a see the chairman from time to time. He will be well informed of the feelings on these matters when I next see him. I am prepared to discuss these things with him. Mr Merlyn Rees, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Leeds, South, Lab)—Did the BBC, in their presentation to the Home Office in reparation for the licence fee in-

in orchestras, education and local broadcasting? Is there not a way in which the IBA could come in with money to maintain these prchestras? Mr Whitelaw—Properly, the BBC made their presentation to us on the financial facts as a whole. What they decide to do with the money from licence fees must be a matter for them. But they did not

erally that cuts were to be made

make that point.
On the IBA or other people pro-

obligation to provide local news and opinion on radio? In north Northumbria they propose to cut all VHF bulletins and there is no radio alternativo.

Mr Whitelaw—I was not aware of that. Nevertheless, I agree that those of us far from London should have reasonable local ser-vices. That is the BBC view, too. During later questions to the Prime Minister, Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) asked—Has she seen reports today that the broadcasting organizations are planning to spend £3m on coverage of the Moscow Olym-

In view of the considerable reduction in expenditure having to be borne by the BBC, including possibly winding up some famous orchestras, would she have any recommendations to make to the BBC about that expenditure? (Conservative cheers.)

numbers of people who go to the Moscow Olympics. They will reconsider it nearer the time. Will

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day: Education (No 2) Bill. r: Debates prior to nent for Easter recess. main business in the House s will be: : Education (No 2) Bill, y: Social Security Bill, reading.

sday: Debate on the Bud-

companies

with British Rail as well.

ine companies and were considered, a Commons amendment to Clause 41 (Distribution of investment companies) was replaced by a Lords amendment companies additional and necessary flexibility in investments, they might wish to

Lord Lyell, a Lord in Walting, said in moving the amendment, that the Association of Investment Trust Companies were concerned at the deletion of references to investments in land and other

Protection in shelter from blast and fallout

Mr James Pawsey (Rugby, Lab)—
Ask the Home Secretary the membership of the working group studying domestic shelters, Mr Leon Brittan, Minister of State Home Office, in a written reply, said—the chairman of the working group is a Home Office, scientist and the membership is drawn from the Home Office, Property Services Agency, Ministry of Defence and the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment. Its terms of reference are:

(1) To examine and report on

i its suitability to various soft

in-peacetime by permanent or

of such worthwhile commercial designs as may be available.

(3) 1. To submit interim reports and recommendations as appropriate or when requested by F6 Division.

bury. C)—When he meets the BEC chairman, will be express to him the growing disquiet about the lack of factual balance in a great number of BBC current affairs pro-

more recently the Army in Gone for a Soldier. Will he say to him the concept or dictum which the BBC appears to be following, where controversy is considered more important than

ent broadcasting arrangements we have in this country, which I believe it is right to have. They must make their decisions balance and taste. It is right for this House to express views as forcibly as it wishes to the BBC governors. It is open to the parties to express their views, which they do about balance. That is the right way to proceed.

The constitutional position is Mr Keith Best (Anglesey, C)— There is an alarming list of such things, including the recent Nationnide programme on

North West, Lab) -- Many of us feel it is Mr Whitelaw's duty and responsibility to back up the chair-man of the BBC in defending a public service independent of private sources of income.

There has been a big increase in low-quality, pornographic and second rate material screened.

viding funds for orchestras, that is something it is fair to consider. Mr Alan Beith (Berwick on Tweed,

Mrs Margaret Thatcher—I under-stand that the BBC have issued a statement to say that no final decision has been taken on the coverage they will give to the Moscow Olympics and that it will depend on the basis of the sports news value at the time and the

I share his views on the proposal to reduce the orchestras. I am grateful that private help as coming to keep these orchestras in being.

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month.
Mr Barney Hayboe, Under Secre-tary of Defence for the Army, said in a written reply—About 20 United Kingdom firms will bevisiting Washington for two days on April 14 and 15 to present to members of the United States Department of Defence a range of equipments developed in the SPORT

Greenwood discovers something he has always wanted

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The impressive competence of
Edition in their 2-0 victory over
Spain in Barcelons on Wednesday
was sufficient for the manager. was sufficient for the manager, Ron Greenwood, to say on departing yesterday that in future he aid not expect them to be badly basten by anyone. As he is not given to predictions or exaggeration, one deduces that he is more than satisfied with progress towards the European championship is Italy next June.

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He would not go as far as to say that England were good enough to win the competition, for which the Italians, with home advantage, are clearly favourities. But he warmly reflected the confidence of the team when he said they had achieved something he had always wanted—the competence to do a sound job anywhere in the world in the same manner as Liverpool and, more recently, Liverpool and, more recently, Nottingham Forest.

Nottingham Forest.

Spain, with their record of disappointing results at national level, were a poor team. Their defence conceded too much too early in the game and without several experienced players to counteract England's total domination of midfield, they lacked a commanding figure. Their rough man-to-man defensive marking was inconsequential in the face of pace from Woodcock. Francis of pace from Woodcock. Francis and Coppell. Keegan, although he was subdued by his own high standard, always kept at least two opronents occupied. opronents occupied.

The most encouraging feature was the positive fluishing of the scorers. Francis and Woodcock, who were treated numercifully by defenders whose positional liaison was such that they knew that

Dalglish is left to |FIFA announce count cost of Scottish triumph Zurich, March 27.-The 1983

Kenny Dalglish is struggling to play for Liverpool at Tottenham tomorrow after injuring a knee during Scotland's 4—1 win over Portugal at Hamnden Park on Wednesday night. Dalglish, whose seventh minute goal set the Scotland's course for their best home win under Jock Stein, was injured in the first half.

In the first half.

"I hurt my left knee in a challenge but I expect to be fit to play at Tottenham. After all, I still have another leg to stand on "Dalglish said. He has not missed a match since joining Liverpool in July. 1977. Dalglish eventually limped off two minutes after the interval and Mr Stein admitted: "He should not have gone out for the second half."

half."
The substitute. Archibald. made the most of his chance, scoring the Scot's third goal after 68 minutes. It followed a pass from Gray, who also made the opening for Daiglish and scored himself after 25 minutes. Genumil put the fipishing touch to Scotland's display after 83 minutes from the scotlary spot. Gomes having pulled the back for Portugal eight minutes earlier.

Fourteen are suspended by Îtalian FA

From John Earle
The Italian Football Players
League, at a meeting in Milan
this afternoon, suspended from
all sporting activity the president
of AC Milan, Felke Colombo,
and the 13 first and second
division players arrested earlier
this week for conspiracy to
defraud.

defraud.

The arrested men are accused of agreeing to rig matches for the benefit of an underground betting ring. They are Enrico Albertosi and Giorgio Morini, of Milan, Massimo Cacclatori, Bruno Giordano, Lionello Manfredonia, and Gluseppe Witson, of Lezio, Gianfranco Casarsa, Mauro Della Martira and Luciano Zecchini, of Perugia. Stefano Pellegrini, of Aveilino, Claudio Merio, of Lecce. Giudo Magherini, of Paiermo, and Sergio Girardi, of Genoa.

Badnunton

Young Dave will test seedings and Miss Bridge

By Keith Macklin .

It was a good news, bad news day yesterday for Paul Woods, the Hull fullback, with the bad news far outweighing the good. The good news was that a suspension imposed by the disciplinary committee will not take effect until Manday, allowing him to play in tomorrow's Challenge Cup semi-final round. The had news is that the nine-match suspension, one of the higgest in the history of the game, will keep him out of the final at Wembley if Hull win tomorrow.

Both Woods and Hull were By Richard Streeton

Karen Bridge, the 20-year-old Surrey player, has been seeded second to Lene Köppen, of Denmark, the world champion and defending ritle holder, at the European badminton champion-ships in Groungen, The Netherlands, from April 13 to 20, it rapresents the biggest challenge of Miss Bridge's career although site is expected to be England's she is expected to be England's for I singles player in next sea-son's Uber Cup programme. Allow Bridge starts with a hye. lier hardest task early on will be in the third round when she will almost certainly meet Kirsten shaken by the severty of the sentence, and the club have appealed. The appeal will be heard next week. Woods, a Welsh international who came north from Pontypool Rugby Union club, received an eight-match suspension for a sending-off in the Wales v-England game at Hull last month, and one further match for two recorded caudious.

The severity of the sentence is perhaps explained by the fact that Larsen, the 18-year-old Dane who created such a good impression at last week's All-England tournament. If Miss Bridge gets through, she is likely to have to play Joke van Beusekom (Netherlands) in the semi-final round.

the semi-final round. Jane Webster (Suffolk) is seeded in the 3-4 group and could reach the semi-finals before meeting Miss Koppen, who will start an odds on favourite to retain the ride. Miss Webster could earn consolidation from the women's doubles. She and Nora Perry (Essex) are playing together and have been top seeded to reach a final against Marjan Ridder and Miss van Beusekom, of the Netherlands.

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The Danes. Flemming Delis and Morten Frost Hansen, are expected by the organizers to con-test the men's final. Just as at Wembley the draw has not been especially helpful to England's two leading players, Ray Stevens and Kevin Jolly, both from Essex. Stevens, the national champion, is seeded in the J-4 champion, is seeded in the 3-4 group but has to get past Sture Johnsson, a former Swedish No 1, before reaching a semi-final match with Delfs. Jolly is in the same quarter as Frost Hansen.

After their All-England successes. Stevens and Michael Tredgett (Gloucestershire) and Tredgett and Mrs Perry should do well in the men's doubles and the mixed doubles. England, the holders, and Denmark are the favourities to reach the final of before reaching a semi-final match with Delfs. Jolly is in the same quarter as Frost Hansen.

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off recovery. Any reservations about Woodcock's value were dismissed as he demoralized those who tried to stop his line to go. Indeed, it was his most sophisticated performance for England.

Cated performance for England.

Given freedom from injuries, the team to play against Belgium in the opening game of the European championship on June 12 in Turin will not be dramatically different. Brooking, with bis subtle touches, may regain his place from the more straightforward Kennedy and, for the long term, it would be reassuring to see Sansom included in the defence, although Mills continues to be reliable. Mills continues to be reliable. It is still not a team to frighten the world's best but make them ake notice. There are hopeful

ake notice. There are hoperus signs that the days of being bewindered by man-to-man marking and relying on traditional qualities of physical staying power are over. Although there were times on Wednesday when one wished for a more perceptive analyst in midfield, overall it now seems that the gap between the bat Continental state and that shown by the the gap between the bat Continental style and that shown by the
England team is not as wide.
Keegan ha smuch to do with that
and any moulding of the team to
suit his style is understandable,
if a little worrying.

Psychologically, the defeat of a
team in the same European chamsingular group was encouraging.

team in the same European champlonship group was encouraging,
even if the side England will meet
in Italy may bear scant resemblance to this week's selection.
Similarly, Scotland's 4-1 win over
Portugal at Hampden Park on
Wednesday may have smoothed a
future path because Portugal are
in the same World Cap group.
Dalglish and Gray formed a
promising partnership and one can

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Foulkes for US again

For the record

Basketball

Rugby League

kills Woods'

| Nine-match ban

Wembley hopes

Both Woods and Hull were shaken by the severity of the sen-

perhaps explained by the fact that Woods had received a yellow card before his sending-off. The offence

which brought about his expulsion from the game was a head-high mckle, which laid-out Evans, the

England half-back.
Another club hit by yesterday's disciplinary committee decisions are Leeds, who are chasing the championship title. Cuuningham was banned for four matches, Dick three and Holmes one; all three are key men in the Leeds back.

are key men in the Leeds back division. Denis Boyd. a Wigan for-ward. received three matches which will handicap his club in

what seems an aircady hopeless fight against relegation,

Call to curb violence

Robson hopes 1982 World for more **B** internationals Cup programme

Bobby Robson and Don Howe, the men in charge of the England B side, hope they will be given more opportunity to add to their unbeaten run of nine games next season. After Wednesday night's 1—0 victory over Spain at Sunderland, Mr Robson said he would like to see England play at least six games a year at B level.

"These are important firstners." World Cup final tournament in Spain will run from June 13 to July 11 with a total of 52 matches in 14 cities. FIFA said here today. For the first time 24 countries will compete instead of 16. There will be a first round of six groups of four teams each, with sax groups of four teams each group going into a second round pool of four groups of three teams. The winners of each of the second round groups qualify for the semifinals, with the winning teams meeting in the final and the losers playing off for third and fourth places.

"These are important fixtures for the players concerned. It gives them a chance to play against opposition of a kind they do not usually meet in the League. We can see how they react to a different type of marking and different type of marking and tackling, and also how they fit into a squad of players they are not normally with. At international level it is important to have played in Corunns, Vigo. Oviedo, Gijon, Eiche, Aifcante, Valadolid. Bibao, Zaragoza, Valencia, Malaga and Seville. and second round names in Barcelona and Maorid. The semi-final games will be staged in Seville and Barcelona, and the final in Madrid.—Reuter. tional level it is important to tave the right temperatuent both in the game and in training."

Mr Robson picked out Elliott for special praise and also marked Birtles, Devonshire, and Mariner as players who impressed. "But everybody did what was expected of him. Ron Greenwood took what he considers the 20 best players to Spain but the people we had here were a credit to our national game.", he added, Osman's header in the eighty-second minute gave England victory in a game they dominated and should have won by at least three goals. Bill Foulkes, who resigned as manager of the Southern League club, Witney Town, last week, is returning to the United States as manager of San Jose Earthquakes.

Woodcock: his most sophisti-

look forward to their testing of England's defence in May. In the meantime, the World Cup holders,

Argentina, should give England a revealing self-appraisal at Wem-

bley on May 13.

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Spanish praise: "Giants and dwarfs" was how the Barcelona paper Sport summed up the difference between the two sides. "It could almost be measured in light years". Enso Bestrot, Italy's manager, was quoted as saying: "The English amazed me with their strength and fine conception of football. They appear well prepared and I think they will be the most dangerous in Italy, In this side, every player is phenomenal."

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1-6: 7-5: 8. Kledge (US: beat W. Mahar (US): 7-3; 6-4; ice hockey

Today's fixtures

(7.30 unless stated) FIRST DIVISION: Evertop v Arsenal. 1ECOND DIVISION: Fullium v Old-im Athletic. FOURTH DIVISION: Recidate T UNION: Roundhay v Liver-RUGRY LEAGUE: First division:

Holders again taken to extra holes

By Peter Ryde
The semi-Ruel matches in the Sumingdale foursomes this morning will be Neil Coles and Douglas McClelland against George Will and Roger Chapman, and, in the lower half. John Davies and Amanda Middleton against the professional combination of John O'Leavy and Carl Mason. A day which started dismally ended dry and dramatically: the drama came which statted drimally emeal dry and dramstically: the drams came from a stirring finish to the match yesterday in which the holders. Will and Chapman, came back from the grave and won for the second time this week at extra

Although overnight rain had given the course a southing it rotted well have done without, form was maintained to the end. In the semi-finals are the best professionals in the field, the English champions and, to add swength to the amateur side, the class of Davies. The one exception in the fast eight complex night be said to have been Baldwin and Montague, but they only helped to prove the rule that form will put at Suminguals If given the chance.

but at Summingdale If given the chance.

These and Wentworth arisang made a really plucky effort to unseat the holders. The march was close all the way, with Reldwin doing great things with his putter, and towards the end will beginning to show signs of siring. The artisans came to the last hole one up but Chapman assumed the mantle of chammion and hit a four iron more than 180 yards to five inches from the hole to take the match on.

Down the 19th Chapman hit a vast drive which enabled Will to find the green; but the heroics were not all on one side. Montague hered the ball out of trouble, pitching to 12ft, and Baldwin again saved his side with his putter, halving the hole in four. At the 20th, with the adrenalin still presumably flowing, Chapman hit a one iron to the green from short of the road, and this time it was enough.

Will and Chapman will receive

was enough.

Will and Chapman will receive one stroke from Coles and McClelland this morning in a relition of last year's final. Coles has appeared fresher this year, perhaps because he has been winning with something to space, and his day's

golf-with McClelland was some five strokes better than par and brought them comfortably through In the afternoon, after losing the

fifth to a stroke, they gave little away. They squared with an impor-tant four from off the sixth green, where their opponents nock three puts, and won the next three holes. They made things doubly sure when Coles holed a long put up the hill at the 12th after Miss Marvin, receiving a seroke, had putched close. The most strikingly successful

that of Baries and Miss Middleton. Davies has relished receiving stroles in numbers for the first time and it was his first partnership with a woman in the many years he has played here. It has worked well: Miss Middleton has shown marked improvement since coming south to work for Clive Clark at Summingdale and tills week has gone from strength to strength. But and I. Stungo fam to the coming to the hast and the week has gone from strength to strength. But and I. Stungo fam to the coming to the hast and the strength. But and I. Stungo fam to the hast Miss and Miss of the hast of the coming the hast of the hast

Miss Connachan, 16, is chosen for Curtis Cup

Jane Connachan, aged 16, of Royal Musselburgh, is a member of the Great Britain and Ireland Curtis Cup side which takes on the United States on June 6 and 7 at St Pierre. There, are five new caps in a team which comprises two Scots, three Irish, two English and one Weish.

Miss Commentant is the youngest

Miss Connachan is the youngest player to be selected for this fixture—the Amrican Laura Baugh was 17 when she cathe to Glasgow Gailes. She has been playing golf since the age of four. As David HRuish, her professional, insists, she has probably hit more golf bails in her young life than the whole of the rest of the team put together. If Jane practises and plays every day." HRuish said. She can hit every shot in the bag and, when it comes to thinking her way round a golf course, she is very much older than her 16 years would suggest." Miss Connachan is the youngest

helped Scotland to the home inter-national crown by winning five:
out of her six matches at Harlech.
The other Scot, Gillian Stewart,
Is also taught by David Huish, the
North Berwick professional, who
has referred to ber as 'a female
John Panton" in terms of iron
play. HRe has been much impressed with the work she has put
in over the winter in order to give
herself some extra vards off the

parts at junior international level Captain, has described the young side wind won the European Scot sa: "A competent golfer, team thampionship last season, who thoroughly deserves her blace." Capped by her rountry woman golfer of the year award, last summer, Miss Connachan Raving already played in five

Double Scotch in summer

The PGA club professionals championship, won for the past two years hy David Jones, is to be held at Turnberry from July 29 to August 1, the first time the rournament has been held in Scotland. Slazenger are again sponsoring the event, this year with a record total of £13,000.

Jones, from Bamgor, gained his victories at Pannal, in Yorkshire. The leading nine will be invited to represent Britain and Ireland in the Britannia PGA Cup team to play the United States at Oak Tree Golf Club in Edmond, Oklahoma, during September.

The PGA also announced yester-day the revival of the short course championship. last held more than 20 years ago. Former Ryder Cup and PGA Cup playors will be invited to play at Thurles-ton in Devon on May 14 and 15, with Whithread putting up prize money of £5.000.

berself some extra yards off the Even allowing for the fact that the other home countries lost so

many players to the professional ranks in 1979, it is more than a little front that Ireland, deserv-edly, have three representatives in the side. As recently as the late 1960s Ireland were not considered strong enough to do battle with their English and Scottish counter-Those Irish players who will be at St Pierre—Mary McKenna, Maureen Madill and Claire Nesbin -were all members of the Irish

This year's PGA seniors cham-pionship is also being held in Scotland, at Gleneagles, from June 27 to 30. Christy O'Connor will defend his title, but success this year will not be rewarded with automatic entry into the Open championship at Multifield. The PGA also announced yester-

Rugby Union



Ampleforth outnumber Llandovery two to one in their ill-fated quarter-final

Millfield keep the best until last

Millifield 24

Millifield, who had played a sparkling brand of rugby throughout the tournament, reserved their best performance for the final of the National Schools Open sevenaside competition at Rosslyn Park yesterday when they beat the holders, St Edward's, by two goals and three tries to a try. holders, St Edward's, by two goals and three tries to a try.
David Rosser, the former Cambridge University and England centre who helps to coach Millfield, might think it wrong to single out a player in so complete a side. But the fact is that Millfield's captain, Marthew Ebsworth, who, like his brother Jonathan is already an England under-if international, was a player in a class by himself, runinder-ib internstional. Was a player in a class by himself, rup-ing in numerous tries, and as often as not, conversing them. In the first half, Mambew Ebsworth scored two tries, converted one of them and another by Yates, and Coleman scored for

St Edward's. In the second half, Barrow and Jonathan Ebsworth mored utler. Earlier St Edward's had started Earlier St Edward's had started the afternoon's programme by strolling to a comfortable victory against Blackpool. With a little possession, Blackpool were 14 points down at half-time and subsequently lost: 18-4. The story was much the same in the match which followed, that between Solihull and Rydal, and showing greaver all round finesse and speed, Rydal duly won by 16-4. St. Benedict's had had to work hard to secure their place in the quarter-final round but, tast as David, they faltered and received a drubbing from the glant that was Millfield. Putting 10 points on the board at half-time, Millfield eventually won 24-0.

Tragedy then consumed what had promised to be the best match in this round, for with the battle already joined and at its height. Liandovery lost their captain and hooker, Sion Parry-Jones. In

player received attention then taken by ambul-hospital. When Amplefor pool T. Rydar a; province to the first of th

Laidlaw leads Scotland on short tour

meet French select teams at Bordesur on April 26 and at. Brieve on May 3, with a match against the French Berberlans on May 1 at Aged. The jedicrest scrim nair, Roy Laidiew, who broke into the Scotland side this season, will capital the Scotlish select party on their three-match tour of France starning next month. Laidlaw, aged 26, who won its fourth 12, will lead a party of 23 players, including 16 internationals. But Mike Biggar (London Scortish), who lost the captainty to Andy Iryine for the final match of the championship, is not named, although he was available, irrine is one of five players not considered because of the

British Lions tour to South Rosslyn Park, shready without their flanker, Neil Maotell, for comocrow's John Player Cup semi-float at home to London Irish, could also lose three more of their lorwards. Another flanker, Steve Johnson, and a lock, Paul Ackford Ind MacGregor, acting selection convener for the national side, will act as manager and the Scot-land B cosch, Jim Talfer, will be assistant and coach. The party

injuries, while a prop. Pa ton, has influence. John Ackford and fitness to hight, but a decision of Histon may be left until a The club captain, Pail Roach, who is hoping to Park to their daird cup Mill It is a bit unsetting to have a few days to properly for a game like we just haven't been able anything. The former reports, Peter Werfield, is ing from a shoulder to should be available.

The only concern for the only concern for unrounds the interpation Alister McKibbin, who-shoulder troubly: He treet out ill effect on Tuesd-ever, and unless he suf-reaction, will take his p full-strength team:

Cambridge crew prepare for royal visi Cambridge University receive a pame. Leisure Sport.

By Jim Railton

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Oxford put the Cat among the pigeons with a scintiliating row inst night against a newly-vamped national eight. The crews rowed from Hammersmith Bridge to Putney Bridge, with Oxford taking Surrey and the initial advantage, and surprisingly they led this contest from start to finish.

After 4 minutes Oxford moved out to three-quarters of a length lead and railied after a bad patch. With the national crew offering no resistance Oxford reached Putney Bridge three lengths clear. Now we know that Cambridge are slower than the national lightweights and Oxford faster than the national heavyweights, with the national heavyweights, with the national heavyweights the fastest of the lot. It does not really help Boat Race predictions, but at least Oxford are in with a chance after their first offering

a chance after their first offering

visit this morning from their Chancellor, the Duke of Edin-Visit this morning the Duke of Edin-burgh. Oxford cannot follow that, so they have invited a couple of film starlets. What is on the menu for Prince Philip is undisclosed, but no doubt he would wish to see his men rowing.

After a really tough combat with the London Rowing Club lightweights on Wednesday evening—when they finished hearly a length down after just over seven and a haif minutes' rowing—Cambridge predictably took its easy yesterday apart from some sharp bursts and work on their start in the afternoon. The " name on the boat " affair

resolved. The Cambridge coach, to follow the race on Greene Hall, contacted the Ladbrokes director, Gerald Green, yesterday to say that their boat's and \$3.30, Cambridge 11.0 s

painted over by early ne To their credit Leisus have raised no objection, being erased: Leisure Sport were invol disagreement with the 8 their banners being disp the Holme Pierrepost during the Junior world championships. The most harassed mai Newspaper Press Boat Fi Burnell had arranged for to to follow the Boat Raca t in a powerful offshore but the cruiser was ruled the Port of London A yesterday after a trial rur

Motor racing

Ferrari seek inspiration 'race through the streets

From John Blunsden Long Beach, March 27

From the high plateau of Kyalami, Johannesburg, the grand prix scene dropped down to sea level this week for the build-up to the United States Grand Prix West, a race which will take place on Sunday against a backcloth of High Street shops, high-rise apartnents and on the skyline, the melancholy sight of the former Cunard liner, the Queen Mary, now a floating hotel and convention centre.

The Long Beach "race through the streets", has been called the Monte Carlo of the West Coast. hur this is to give less than due credit to the single-minded drive and determination of an expatriate Englishman, Chris Pook, who perceived the idea of turning this retirement resort into a grand privious, who persuaded the town fathers and local businessmen to back the venture and who mixterminded the inaugural grand prix, for Formula 5000 cars, in 1975 and the first world championship race the following year.

He and his colleagues have given Long Beach an unique atmosphere, lacking, perhaps, the sophistication of Monaco, but boasting some of the finest motor racing off-track facilities in the world, including a magnificent indoors paddock in which cars are worked upon in almost hotel-like splendour. The race's early financial frailty is now past, and this year Long Beach is the healthiest of the three United States races in the world championship calendar (Watkins Glen)

With convincing victoria: a last two grands prix, the team know that their, task much harder this weekend. they can return to Europe few more points in the built be well pleased. Special challenne break? on them has now been duntil the hear rate, in a could belp them to a least position, but the multitude corners and short straights. Beach are scarcely ideal to for turbo-charged engines. Of the two Michelia-shod

has been reprieved for year and the United Sta-East will take place in A-subject to drasuc improved facilities, while the Las Veg In November, is now unli-be for Formula One cars.

Ferrari have the better chi-do well here, despite their record so far this season, sive testing at Florano has more speed and an imp return of engine reliabilit the Italian team's Long record is excellent—three w of the four races (Lotus we in 1977). injury has brought ab change in the driver lines.

week. McLaren's Alam Prest a wrist. Hans Stuck declin-ofter of a drive and the G now he driven by Stephen of England in his first Prix and his first visit to. Beach. There is great rehel Williams from that Man Ion. resputted to treatment pleurist and is hoping to

Another sponsor for Somerset Somerset county cricketers will clothleg firm: Lyte and Scott

wear kit incorporating a sponsors' emblem in all their matches this season, the first team to be allowed to do so in England. The Test and County Cricket Board have given their approval to an agreement worth a five-figure sum with the

Eacher this week Semeral nonced a 113,420 sport front the Swedish for par-turers, Sash. The corrects are

At 21, Glenna has successfully changed her course from horses to golf

A Bonallack with the key to the door

By John Hennessy By John Hennessy

The Bonallack family was thick on the sodden ground of the Berkshire golf club last week. Angela, wife of Michael, partnered their daughter, Glenna, in the Avia foursomes. Saily Barber, sister of Michael, was a half of one of the more successful pairs: Shirley Sutton, sister of Angela, was a half of one of the less successful. Michael joined the clan on the last day to offer, unavailingly as it turned out, moral support to his sister.

The most interesting member of

it turned out, moral support to his sister.

The most interesting member of the cast is the youngest. Glema, who was competing seriously in a senior competition for the first time. Having reduced her handicap from 28 to seven in two years, she might be thought to have a glittering career ahead. She may still have but the fact that she is 21, having taken up the game much later than might have been expected, dulls the edge of expectation.

Gleuna's experience, or rather lack of it in golding terms, is, curiously, a tribute to the sensitivity and balanced outlook of the parents. One would have expected two such gifred players, hero and heroine of many a Curtis Cup and Walker Cup 'encounter, to have cultivated a bothouse golfing environment for their four children. They have done the opposite leaving all four to develop their own interests and personalities.

Glenna, who bears a striking resemblance to her mother, explains that her parents have rarely even discussed golf at home, not at least in their children's presence. The suffucation she once felt came from outside sources, from no doubt well-meaning felt came from outside sources, from no doubt well-meaning

from no doubt well-meaning people

The Bonallacks were, as they still are, such big fish in a small pool that any indiscretion on the part of any one of their four children (the others are Jane, aged 19. Sarsh, 15. and Robert, 12) was blown up out of all proportion in the local, sometimes even the national, press, Occasionally life was difficult.

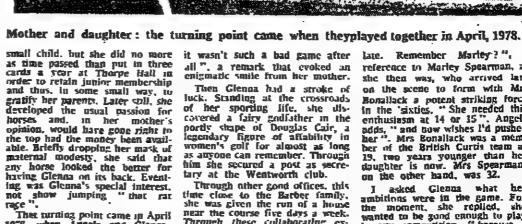
Glenna, not unnaturally, had a tiny club in her tiny hand as a

gratify her parents. Later still, she developed the usual passion for horses and, in her mother's opinion, would have gone right to the top had the money been avail-able. Briefly dropping her mask of and that any horse looked the better for having Glenna on its back. Eventing was Glenna's special interest, not show jumping "that rat race". Thet turning point came in April 1978, when Angela and Glenna, her interest in horses declining by force of financial circumstance, entered the Mothers and Daughters rournament at Royal Midsurey. They won the handicap prize and were runners-up off scratch. "I enjoyed it so much". Glenna admits, "that I decided

it wasn't such a bad game after late. Remember Marley?", 2 reference to Marley Spearman, ax

ambitions were in the game. For the moment, she replied, she wanted to be good enough to play in any competition, "because I

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all", a remark that evoked an enigmatic smile from her mother. Then Glenga had a stroke of Then Glenna had a stroke of luck. Standing at the crossroads of her sporting life, she discovered a fairy godfather in the portly shape of Douglas Cair, a legendary figure of affability in women's golf for almost as long as auyone can remember. Through him she secured a post as secretary at the Wentworth club.

Through other count officer, this

Through other good offices, this time close to the Barber family, she was given the run of a house near the course five days a week. Through these collaborating experiences she came into fruitful contact with Bernard Gallacher at Wentworth. "He", heen really good to me", she says, "and given me loss of lessous." Has she taken up the game too late? "Late", her mother agrees, "but not necessarily too

she then was, who arrived late on the scene to form with Mrs on the scene to form with Mrs
Bonzilack a potent striking force
in the 'sixties, "She needed this
enthusiasm at 14 or 15". Angela
adds, "and how wishes I'd pushed
her ". Mrs Bonzilack was a memher of the British Curtis team at
19, two years younger than her
daughter is now. Mrs Spearman,
on the other hand, was 32. I asked Glenna what her

wanted to be good enough to play in any competition, "because I like the challenge". It was much too early to consider whether she could become good chough for a Curtis Cup place. "Anyway", Angela interjects, "you have to have a little bit of venom at the top and it is ton early to know if Glenna has it ".

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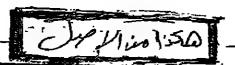
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Sen Venture, G. Muffer, 4-8-13

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Three Shoes, W. Marshall, 4-8-7

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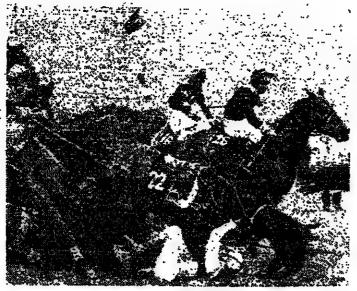
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The Chair proves uncomfortable for Never Rock (22) and jockey Anthony Webber in the Topham Trophy Chase.

ling from Light the Wad, makes a swift return to this country, this time in his new role as a trainer to saddle Church Island for the Maghull Nevices Hurdle. So well respected and admired was Hughes as a jockey, unlike some of his companitors, he will be assured of a great welcome if his worse wins. However, on this occasion I doubt whether Church Island is good enough to beat Wayward Lad who was unlucky out to win the Phillip Cornes Saddle of Gold at Newbury earlier this month. earlier this month.
In the meantime, Wayward

also misuse of the whip: Ryan, on Drumlargan in the Sun Alli-ance Novices' Hurdle; Byrne, on Batista in the Triumph Burdle. They had each been given a warning already and fined for a pre-

during the National vious offence.

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guilty not only of any stewards had to resort to to of the wide, but strongarm tactics themselves.

ULL HURDLE (Novices: £2,771: 2m 51f)

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Mayward Lad (D. Inghem), A. Dickinson, 5-11-11 T. Curmody

Arcticles (Mrs S. Thomas). J. Priday, 7-11-8

Charch Island (Mrs T. Doharty), D. Hughes, 7-11-8

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CHEMICALS HURDLE (Selling: 4y-o: £3,470: 2m)

Irishmen banned for misuse of whip

Lad has won at Chepstow, while Woodford Prince, the horse who beat him at Newbury, ran well in the Sun Alliance Novices Hurdle at Cheltenham. If Wayward Lad does manage to run up to expectations, he could easily be the first of two winners for his trainer, Tony Dickinson, and the first of direct for his jockey, Tommy Carmody.

New Colonist, my selection for the Dover Street Tropbies Steeplechase, could be Dickinson's second winner. With only 10st 31b to carry, this chestnut mare by

Neither Ryan nor Byrne may set foor upon racecourses until June 27, but they may still be employed in a racing stable. So Byrne forfelts the ride on The Vintner in tomorrow's Grand National. The Vintner will now be ridden by Bob Davies, who won the race on Lucius two years ago and flushed second in it last year on Zongalero. Each time, he came in for the ride at the

5.45 SEAN GRAHAM TROPHY CHASE (£4,318: 2m)

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4.20 KENNEDY ASPHALT HURDLE (4y-o: £10,300: 2m)

Pile It High (D) (M. Modey), P. Saley, 7-11-9 .. B. R. Daviss Seventh Sen (C. Jones) A. Moore, 8-11-6 ... T. Carborry Cape Fells (D) (Mr. D. Whitaker), G. Richards, 7-11-3 ... T. Mr. D. Walletten, G. Richards, 7-11-3 ... Davising One Release (D) (Ma) L. Marior:, G. Fairbeirn, 7-11-3 ... Coulding

came in for the ride

Sir Winston Churchill's (avourite sar winston Churchill's Tavourite racehorse. Colonist II, should be very hard to peg back, now that the ground is soft. There was an abundance of give underfoot at Uttoxeter a formight ago, when New Colonist led from start to finish and the start to th finish and won by no less than

Carmody can also win the Red Rum Novices Steeplechase on Magic Tip, who was far from disgraced at Haydock Park when disgraced at Haydock Park when he ran in the Embassy Premier Steeplechase Final, even though he failed to finish in the first four eventually. On a line through Don't Forget, Magic Tip appears to have the beating of Arctic Ander. Magic Tip is trained in Yorkshire by Jimmy Fitzgerald, who is also more than just hopeful of winning the Sea Graham Trophy as well with Fairy King, who came home unchallenged in his last race at Catterick. Before that, affiry King was beaten at Warwick, but Fritzgerald has an excuse for that failure and he is confident that Fairy King will give his backers a good run for their money this time. Western Rose will be more of a danger than Seventh Son if he put his best foot forward again but the ground may be too soft for him after all the recent rain.

after all the recent rain.

Finally, no-one should be surprised if there is an Irish-instigated gamble on Sharp Stuff in the Arpal Chemicals Selling Hurdle. Judged on the way that she has run in Ireland against much better horses than those who are opposing her this afternoon, that gamble may well be landed.

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April 15.

Fairy tale finish for gallant Uncle Bing

A fairytale came true at Aintree yesterday. Uncle Bing, carrying the blue-and-white hooped colours made famous by the late Lord Mildmay, gare a magnificent display of jumping to win the Topham Trophy Sueeplechase. The eleven-year-old is owned by the great Corinthian's sister, Mrs John great Corinthian's sister, Mrs John Mildmay-White, and is trained by Richard Head at Lambourn.

That polished horseman and out-That polished horseman and outstanding jockey John Francome will never ride a better race and in Uncle Bing Francome had a partner worthy of his talents. The former champion never give away an inch of ground, hugging the rail throughout. ail throughout.
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rail throughout.

The first strious casualties came at the Chair where the 7-1 favourite, Go Metric, reinsed; Never Rock fell, bringing down Blue Chrome who had to be destroyed after breaking a shoulder. Racing out into the country Uncle Bing, Sweet Soptember and two Irish challengers, Giolla Deachar and Ballyaross, were sharing the lead as they swept over the five fences running down to Beechers Brook. At that fearsome obstacle Uncle Bing made his only mistake. "He had to find three spare legs." Francome said afterwards.

Sweet September blundered badly at the Canal Turn and as the field approached the fourth fence from home there were only four left in with a chance. Uncle Bing, who seemed to be taking only one stride to the other horses' two, was only cantering. Racing to the second last Doubly Royal was the only remaining threat. Uncle Bing landed on the flat just clear of his rival and then began that agonizing head up the

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began time agonizing heat up the long run-in.

Uncle Bing was tired but so too was Doubly Royal and, staying on with the utmost gallantry, the gelding won by four lengths with Ballycross six lengths away third. It was good to see Head saddle a big race winner after his bad luck with Border Incident, who will now attempt to schieve a repeat victory in the Weish Champlon Steeple Chase at Chepstow. Amazingly, Uncle Bing, who was pin-fired last year, is without a

Stockton programme

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2.15 TEES STAKES (Maiden: 3-y-o: £777: 1m)

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2.45 MIDDLESBROUGH STAKES (Handicap: 3-y-o: £1,186: 6f

3.45 FAIRPIELD STAKES (Maiden fillies: 2-y-o: £687 : 5f)

4.15 WILTON STAKES (Maiden: £746: 11m 110yds)

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By Our Racing Correspondent 1.45 Syncopate. 2.15 Maryam. 2.45 Sariffe. 3.15 Pinkerton's Man. 3.45 Bohemian Rhadsody. 4.15 Mount Temple.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.45 Tudor Link, 2.15 Standsted, 3.15 Scholar's Ring, 3.45 Bohemian Rhapsody, 4.15 Mount Temple,

success to his credit slace winning the Mildmay of Flete Challenge: Cup at Cheltenham three years ago. "From the canal turn onwards I was happy", Head said. "I could see that Uncle Blug had got the measure of the Aintree fences and was really enjoying himself. And from that moment onwards so was I".

Links Blugge chiective is the

Uncle Bing's objective is the 1981 Grand National and perhaps he can succeed where Davy Jones and Cromwell were so unlucky. The last horse to carry the family colours to victory at Aintree was Lecale Prince who wou the Grand Section in 1948.

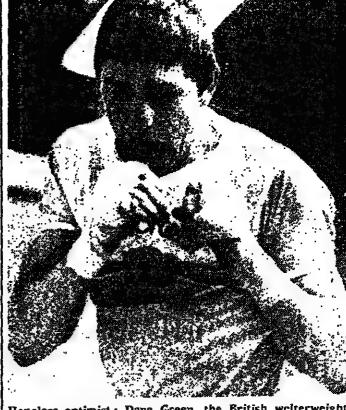
Another product of the Fred Winter school of jockeys, Oliver Winter school of jockeys, Oliver Shetwood, won the Haig Whisky Hunters Steeplechase on Rolls Rambler. Shetwood just humed the nine-year-old round in the early stages and only started to improve his position at the canal turn. Striking the front at the second last the 100-30 favourite went clear to beat the long-time leader, Great Crack, by 10 lengths. Rosemary White took a nasty fall on King Kong II at Valentine's but after being taken to Walton Hospital, was later reported to have recovered consciousness and to be on the mend.

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The only Irish success of the day was that of Carrow Bay in the Holiday Inn Sleeplechase. Carrow Bay made every yard of the running to give Martin Mulligan, aged 22, his second win as a jockey. Carrow Boy Is trained by Anaglog's Dauhters' handler, Bill Durkan, who now has the enviable record of liaving won with his first two runners at Cheltenham and Liverpool.

Liverpool.

The first hurdle race of the day, the Knowsley Novices Hurdle resulted in a smooth victory for Derek Kent's Jugador. The five-year-old is the first Chilean bred horse to win in England. Kent and his owner, Stanley Powell, made a flying visit to Sooth America in August where they bought five horses. Mr Powell also purchased five vinetage cars. Apparently Kent first heard of the prowess of Chilean horses in the United States where they have already won several good races.



Hopeless optimist: Dave Green, the British welterweight. who is given no chance of taking Leonard's world title.

Leonard intends to be greater than greatest

From Srikumar Sen

Boxing Correspondent Atlantic City, March 27 Atlantic City, March 27

However much physical and mental pain a contender endures in training and on the big night, it is nothing compared to the anguish of a man who fecis, regardless of rewards, he is a loser which ever way be looks at it. On Monday much of this feeling will, thankfully, disappear from Britain's challenger for the world welterweight title. Dave Green, when he steps into the ring with Sugar Ray Leonard, of the United States, at the Capitol Center in Landover, Muryland.

In the meantime Green will have to come into Leonard's boome state

In the meantime Green will have to come into Leonard's home state of Maryland a little too early and sorting up camp at the same hotel. He should have stayed 2 little longer at Knoxville, at the head-quarters of the WBA heavyweight charopion, John Tate.

When I saw him yesterday at Landover, outside Washington, he looked distinctly uncomfortable in the bejewelled stetson that they had given for beating everyone at table tennis; it was almost as if any minute they were going to plonk him on a buck-jumping rodeo steer. I never imagined that I would see the "Fen Tiger" looking sheepish. The press and television have given him no peace and every article and television interview tells him he is a no hoper against Leonard, an Olympic gold medal winner and multi-millionaire. Green's unconvincing reply comes back; "I am in the hear condition." multi-millionaire. Green's unconvincing reply comes back: "I sm in the best condition I have ever been in and I have the equipment to best Leonard". The jokiness of Green's manager, Andy Smith, is hollow, too, and merely gives a lopsided buoyancy to his charge. He offered the specious argument: "He has more knockouse than Leonard's more trackouse than Leonard's specious argument; "He has more knockouts than Leonard's

had contests."
Whatever else, a boxer cannot afford to abow his emotions on his face to face his face. Green is a "face to faco The pressure of it all is written fighter", as Angelo Dundee says, all over his face, which I thought was looking a little pinched

was looking a little pinched yesterday.
On the other hand, the 21-year-old champion, who was christened Ray Charles, has a gentle, unmarked and almost shy face outside the ring; inside, he has no face as all, only quick, hard-hitting fists and dencing feet. Be is a most likeable and soft spoken person with the self-effacting way of the university student he almost became when he received a scholarship to go to the University of Maryland to study recreation. If, after Green, he crosses seemingly three impossible hurdles

-Buran, Hearns and Cuevas—I believe he could go on to become greater even than the greatest. He says: "I hope I do not sound agodistical but I would like to be the greatest pound for pound fighter in the world". Yet not for one moment did he patronize Green or belittle him. Leonard has studied the East Anglian's houts with Carlos Palomino and Henry Rhiney and has come to the correct conclusion that his opponent, "has such determination and will to win that he oversteps his technical ability"

Leonard's workout has an

Leonard's workout has an awesome beauty. He boxes two rounds with one Irish Mike James, who had Green's build and his style and was wearing green as well. For the first round Leonard danced eround Ali fashion, legs and arms loose.

In the second round he opened up, and although sparring is a lot different from the real thing, he did give us a glimpse of his repertoire. Like a good champion he does not believe in getting hit and moves out of range at the and moves out of range at the slightest warning of trouble. "Every time I get bit I want to quit the game", he said. "But every time I bit it is \$1,000". He threw his fists at the watchers. "One thousand, two thousand, three thousand", said the smiling champion with every blow.

champion with every blow.

But what I liked best of all yesterday was his work on the baz. He does not try to knock the stuffing out of it as so many do in Britsia. He treats the bag like an opponent and must of the time he is making the bag miss, every so often cutting loose for a second or two and then requiring to matchtwo and then returning to matching wits wish the bag. After Leonard came Green and all but 15 or so of the 400 watchers Bled out.

The British heavyweight champion, John L. Gardner, aged 27 from Hackney, plans to improve this image in his contest for the recent European title against Belgium's Rudi Gauwe at the Royal Albert Hadi on April 22. Cardner's work-rate did him little or no good in his last performance, a points defeat by the American, Jimmy Young, at Wembley in November. from Hackney.

Young collected a narrow point Young collected a narrow points world: and Gardner said: "I worked hard enough to win, but Young did everything right when it mattered. That is the tough lesson I have learned from that fight. My plans are still a secret, but I'm working on a method to look more impressive. That is the look more impressive. That is the way I'm looking at it now.

Hockey

London aims for fourth title

by Sydney Priskin Oxford will challenge London for the British Universities Sports Federation trockey title at the Parks, Oxford, today, If London win, it will be their fourth success

Latest European snow reports

Depth

the second from a free kick taken by Cairns just outside the circle. Cambridge had no luck from two short corners, well-struck by Richard Dodds, Elton havina; saved on the line in both cases. One follow-up shot hit a post.

Oxiord, who were lucky to beat UAU in the group march, subdued Scotland after being a goal down. Ruscue converted a penalty stroke for Scotland after their first more of consequence but Tanner equalised before the interval and Oxford went on to dominate the second half with goals by Kumleben, Tanner and Shrimpton. Tanner's goals came from a follow-up to shots well struck by Schweitzer from short corners. The Scottish defence which had looked sound in the first half, want to pieces in the Parks, Oxford, today, If London win, it will be their fourth success in a row, Oxford having won the title only once when they shared it in 1974 with the UAU. In yesterday's semi-final round Oxford boat Scotland 4—1 at Keble College ground and at the Parks, London beat Cambridge 2—0.

London made a precarious entry into the semi-final round finishing with the same number of points as Northern Ireland in group "A" but surviving on gos! difference. Oxford will be meeting London for the second time in the group match yesterday morning, a well-taken goal by Price having saved the game for Oxford, who scored first.

In their semi-final against Cambridge, London scored twice in the second half through Eaton, his first coming in the eighth miguite from a centre by Mills, 2. Cambridge 0.

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17p: dual lorecast, £1.45, CSF: £3.80,
B. Bousfield, at Brough, 11. St.



-1 Fairness, 3-1 Mandip Minstrel, 6-1 Letth Princess, 7-1 Mouneain Monarch, Bon-Et-Vite, 10-1 Robel Yell, Sugante's Prince, 12-1 Late Event, 20-1 2 91000 Pam's Song, W. Guest, P. S. J. Lynck A. 7 823004 Through Green, W. Wightman, R.7 G. Raster 4 9 9766 Faty Serie, C. Ronstead S.5 B. Route 4 12 000 Tower Win, C. Renstead S.5 P. Tulk A. 13 0000-0 Ylorgakis, A. Demetriout, R.3 J. Hygins A. 4020- Lawry, D. Syst. 8-1 S. J. Hygins D. Syst. 8-1 Through Green, 100-30 Pam's Song, 4-1 Fiddler, 13-2 Ladv Lowery, B. I Ylorgakis, 10-1 Katy Belle, 12-1 Tower Win. Warwick selections By Our Racing Correspondent

2.0 Universal Penny. 2.30 Serpico. 3.0 Record Breaker. 3.30 Fairness. 4.0 Piedge. 4.30 Through Green. **: By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Silver Bill. 2.30 Good Girl Tess. 3.0 Blue Patrol. 3.30 Rebel Yell. 4.30 Pam's Song.

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Wayward Lad. 2.35 SHARP STUFF is specially recommended.
3.10 New Colonist. 3.45 Fairy King. 4.20 Bill of Slane. 4.50 Magic Tipp.

Rimanda b. g by RiberoMondsichel (J. Craiq: 8-10-9
A. Brown (13-2: 3
- ALSO RAN: 6-1 Norfolt Dance, cg.,
13-2 Fortina's Express, Boardmans
Special, 12-1 Minors Ladge, 16-1
Morains Lee, Cover Your Money
(4th.), 20-1 China William, Gold Invader, Red Cleric, 25-1 Stay Quiet,
50-1 Palterns, 14 rgb.
TOTE: Win, 86p; places, 350, 120,
19p; dust forecast, 21-31, CSF; 2A-05.
A. Jarvis at Coventry, 12-1, 61.
TOTE DOUBLE: Uncle Bins and
Cartuw Bov, ES-75 poid on the first
leg. TREBLE: Carrow Boy, Tony and
Rools Rambler, E106.05, PLACEPOT:
255 00, JACKFOT: Not won, Pool of
£1,613 carried forward to Urerpool
10day.

Taunton results

MY INCHEMBERS CONTROL OF STREET OF S 2.50 12.31) CROWCOMBE HURDLE (Selling: £455: 2m 3t) 2.50 (2.31) CROWCOMBE MURDLE (Seing: £455; 2m 3t)

SACKVILLE, b.s., by Weich Saint—
Barney 8.11-73

Michael Willams (12-1) 1

Prince Carlos. A. Watten 112-1) 2

Corrasgu, G. Williams (13-8 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Warwick Flyer (4th),
8-1 The Brothers. 14-1 Marks Boy.
Sylvia's Gift, Todar Friendship, 20-1

Fak Bruin, Le toy, 25-1 Alice Garke
101. Aviennere. Sparse Adventure, 55-1

Bailiyatiy, Arctic Champ. Blue Blaze
(101. Neurore. Repres Rockot (11).

Rocky Myth. Tanya's Farcy, Tenters
Lane. VermeRockotte (10, 25 fan. NR:
Richop Burton.

TOTE: win, 85p; places, 21g, 59p,
25p. Dual F: \$22.06. CSF; £15.19.

1. M. Bradley at Chepston. 31. 1.

3.0 (3.3) WEST MONKTON CHASE
(Handicap: £1.109. 2m)

r. King, at Chippenham. 3°d. 1°d.

3.3 (3.53. Thurstonton Hurble (Handicap: £1.347: 2m1)

HEROIC. 5 (8.5) High Top.

Edissa 5-10-8. P. Leach (14-1) 1

Shadey Bose. Cecil Price 19-2; 2

House Breaster ... C. Menn (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 isv Ernie's Kepp.
15-2 Umar (1), 8-1 Captain Midnight.
16-1 Derling Bob. Princely Rifle, 20-1

Vapit 2 Prince (4th) Messenger Floreder Compe (Ath) Messenger Floreder Compe (Ath) Messenger Ardus, Scottah Folly (5), New Dance, Sir Linear 19-1, Murray Parmar (1), Ercs. 20 rm. Waltzer, Starajeo did not run. 21.92; places 359, 179. not run.

TOTE: Win, 21,92; slaces, 35p, 17e, 45p, 47p; dust forecast, 65,25. CSF; 55,97. D. Barons, at Kingsbridge. 71, 31. 5.0 (4.5) CECIL MUNT TROPHY
CHASE (Randicag: £2,403: 3m 1f)
ANOTHER PROSPECT, b = 59
Now Brig-Endadride, 8-11-0
Reform Chief ... S. May (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Sparking Target
13-2 Uther Pendragon, 7-1 Redundant
Punter (4th), 16-1 Captain Glover,
Rydaig, 35-1 Present, Tango Silve,
Ded Liliar (b), 13 ren.
TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 37p, 66-1
13p, Dual Ropecat, 26-60, CSF: £3-98,
J.A. G. Edwards, at Ross on Wys151, 11. 151, 11.

4.50 (4.54) PITMINSTER HURDLE (Div B: 4-y-o novices: £508: 2m)

STOME MIST. b g. by Ragatone—
Rainswept. 10-5 P. Barry (35-1) 1

Portor Lane ... C. Candy (8-1) 2

Scamper ... N. Dunker (9-4) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 Rv Padious, 7-1

Spart Off (44h. 10-1 Padious Rella.
25-1 Cool Sovereign, 23-1 Bragatare.
Triar Tuck, Rely On Padr. Spirit of Derwant, 11 ran. NR: James.

TOTE: Win, E1.70: places, 26n. 17, 19p Dual Forecast, £10.74, CSF: £18.84. G Williams, \$1 Newport. 71, 61. TOTE BOURLE: Sarkville, Philwin, £14.50, TOTE TREBLE: Philwin, £14.50, Another Prospect, £11.90, PLACE-POT: £43.25. Stockton results

Stockton selections

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1.45 (1.48) LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE STARES (Handleap: £818: 5f)

DELTA'S PRIDE, b.c. by Munny's

Pet—Alexandria (Mich. Connitation), 4-5-1 G. Brown (7-2)

Geary's Per Suria

M. Beccook (3-1 fay)

Hunny Brany Paul Eddery (10-1) 2

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Our Foxbar.

Perilaix, Secret Express, 9-1 Young

Stat. 10-1 Brendam (4th), Popolin Gill.

1-4-1 Ulley Oak, 20-1 Desert Warrior.

1 Fan

TOTE: Win, Sap places, 149, 156.

166; dail forecast, 21,06. CSF: 21.60,

7. Ceulg, at Dumbar, 21, 11. 2.15 (2.16) STAINTON STAKES (Sell-ing handleap; 5-y-o; £410; 1m) ing handleap; 5-y-0; 1410; Im)
FRAMK STEWART, ch g. by Grey
Mirage-Boulet (Mir. J. Cope),
7-9 ... P. Robinson (16-1) I
brisrices Beil ... K. Darfey (4-1) Z
Miss Kwait ... E. Hide (7-2) 3
AISO RAN: 5-2 fav Lady Revells,
4-1 Another Blues, 5-1 Albas Centard
(44t), R-1 The Truck People, 10-1
Alpine Dansel, Tophill Jedny, 14-1
Friedland Lass, 10 ram,
7000E ... Was C.7.49; places, 21.56. TOTE: Win. £7.49; places, £1.58, 130, 250; drai forecast, 750, CSP; £9.12, R. C. Ward, at Dencaster, 1 al. 51.

(3-y-a: 20,245: lm)

SARHT JONATHAN, b c. by Welah
Saint-Climbing Rose (R. Swift)
9-0 ... 5. Canthen (2-5 fav) 1
Home Ground ... E. Hide (9-4) 2
Racing Bionde ... J. Skilling (12-1) 3
Only three Fan.
TOTE: Win, 11s: dust forcess, 11s:
CSF, 14p. B. Hills, at Lambourn, 12i,
SOI. 3.15 (3.18) CARLTON STAKES (Maiden 5-5-8: £699; 6f)
DEPUTY, h s. by Drep River—
Linders J. Gillam 9-0
Lawlers Meadows Lawlens Meadow J. Stdebottom (20-1) 2 R. Stdebottom (20-1) 2 P. Cook (7-2) 3

ALSO RAN. 13-8 (av Bawdsey (4ih), 8-1 About Turn. 9-1 Aesean Scamar, 1-2 Warchai Lass, 15-1 Short of Onlo. Teesport Bog. 30-1 Mangles Gold, King-thest, Sharp Christmas, Signt Tears, 13-ran. Curale did not run. TOTE: Win, £1.95 places, 63p. 3ep. 18p: dual forecast. £2.42; CSF, £13.78. J. Fitzgeraid, at Malton. 1 J. nk. 5.13 (5.46) SPRING STAKES (Handicap, 5.76) E815: 71)

BORDER BROOK, b. a. b. Feriora River-Keiso Girl (W. C. Wans)

B. T. ... M. Wood (12-1) |

Brotzamer ... M. Fichiam (10-1) |

ATSO RAN: 9-4 far Foresters Boy,

7-2 is a Kempinski, 5-1 Poursentes, c-1

Red Table, 12-1 Fortuna (4th. Glasgows Pel. Tumbledown Disk. 10 ran.,

TOTE: Win. 56-73: paces, 52,03,

50p. 51-53. Dual F: 52-11 CSF:

\$21.30, W. C. Watts, at Bridlington. 17-6. bi.

4.15 (1.16) REVICAL STAKES
(Maiden 3-y-o c & g: 2785: 56
MELODY ROX, b c, by Jakebox—
Distorate (W. C. Watts) 9-0
O. Gray (10-1) 2
General Times, P. Eddery (4-7 lay)
and Ziparib, M. Wigham (13-1)
dead heat
ALSO RAN-7-1 Black Charmer. 8-1
Goldliner Abbey. Wyton Bar. 10-1
Super Eagle, 20-1 Automy. 9 rsh.
TOTE: Win. £1.10: piaces. £1.41,
42b. 5p. 41p. Dual F: £2.66. CSF.
£11.64. W. C. Watts, at Briddington.
17-1, 1-3.

Riberry A. A. Perk (25-1) 3

ALSO BAN: 12-1 Native Bread

(Also Ban: 10-1 Native Bread

(Also Dragonish: Grand Albinaco.

14-1 The Player, Tricky Victoria, 30-1

Gay Troop, Stun On, 25-1 Fair Ding.

Dikaman, Latin Bond, Royal Signal,

Arak For Ever, Kisses For Me, Stiffkey

Girl, Tree Tops, 19 ran, NR: Malcourt.

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Val d'Isère 255 5:0 Good Gail, Tree Tops, 19 rat. NR: Malicourf.
TOTE: Win, 17p; placed, 10p, 55o,
25g, Dail F; 41p, CSF 50; P.
Waltym, at Lambourn, 51, 150.
TOTE DOUBLE: Front Stowert and
Saint Jonathon, 2482, 45 TOTE.
TREBLE: Saint Jonathon, Deputy and
Border Brook, £124,25, PLACEPOT:
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House of Lords

Effect of Community law on pornographic imports

Regina v Henn
Regina v Darby
Before Lord Wilberforce, Lord
Diplock, Lord Salmon, Lord
Fraser of Tullybelton and Lord
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Scarman

Where English customs legislation imposes an absolute prohibi-tion on the importation of certain pornographic articles, and such goods are imported into the United Kingdom from another EEC state, Holland, such a prohi-blion is a "quantitative restriction on imports between member states", contrary to article 30 of the European Economic Treaty (the Treaty of Rome) unless the prohibition is justifiable "on morality". grounds of public morality "within the meaning of article 36. The House of Lords, on the first occasion on which it referred questions on the interpretation of the Treaty for a preliminary ruling

by the European Court of Justice, applied the answers given, in dismissing appeals by Maurice Donald Henn and John Frederick Ernest Darby, importers of pornographic films and magazines from Holland from the Court of Appeal graphic films and magazines from Holland, from the Court of Appeal (the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Waller and Mr Justice Milmo) (The Times, July 12 and 14, 1978; [1978] I WLR 1031 and 1407) which had dismissed their appeals against their convictions in 1977 at Justich Crown Court in 1977 at Ipswich Crown Court Lludge Bertrand Richards) of a number of offences under English

law.

Mir Louis Schaffer for the appellants; Mr Richard Du Caun, QC. and Mr Colin Nicholls for the DPP. the DPP.

LORD DIPLOCK sald that the appellants were convicted on a number of counts of offences under the Obscene Publications Acts. 1959 and 1964, and other statutes. The only count relevant in the appeals was count 13 which charged an offence under section 304 of the Customs and Excise Act, 1952, of being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on importation of indecent or obscene articles imposed by section 42 of the Customs Consolidation Act, 1876. The imported articles were also the subject of another count.

15. which charges the appropriate Henn with having obscene articles which charged the appellant Henn with having obscene articles for asin contrary to section 2(1) of the 1959 and 1964 Acts.

The magazines and films in question were of Danish origin and had been imported from the Netherlands. Section 42 imposed an absolute prohibition on the importation into the United Kingdom of "indecent or obscene prints, paintings, photographs, books, cards, lithographic or other tagravings, or any other indecent

engravings, or any other indecent or obscene articles". Before the circuit judge it was submitted that that prohibition, so far as it related to indecent or obscene articles or indecent of free circulation, in EEC member states, was contrary to articles 30 and 36 of the Tresty of Rome and to that extent had been repealed by section 2(1) of the European formulation Acr. 1822. The by section 2711 of the European Communities Act. 1972. The appellants asked that the interpretation of the Treaty raised by that submission he referred to the European Court for a preliminary ruling under article 177. The judge declined to do so t and the appellants were duly found gulity by the judy on that count as well as many others, including as respected Henn, count 15.

Henn count 15 On appeal, the Court of Appeal refused the same request on the ground that the meaning of the relevant provisions of the Treaty was 100 plain to raise any question of interpretation.

Nevertheless the court certified that a point of law of general public importance was involved in their decision, namely: "Whether section 42 is effective to prevent the importation of portographic articles from Holland, notwithstanding articles 30 and 36 of the EEC Treaty." However, they refused leave to appeal to the

House.
The two articles on which the case turned were articles 30 and 36. In the English version article 30 read : " Quantitative restrictions on imports and all measures having equivalent effect shall, without prejudice to the following provisions, he prohibited between Member States." Article 36 read: "The provisions of articles 30 to .4 shall not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on imports, exports or goods in transit justified on grounds of public morality, public policy or public security. Such profesorious or restrictions shall not, however, constitute a means

of arhitrary discrimination or a discuised restriction on trade hetween Member States." hatwice Member States."
It did not appear to have been argued either bafare the judge or the Court of Appeal that the legisladon applicable in England to the domestic trade in pornographic articles applied a definition of the kind of articles which it was an offence to deal in within England that was narrower than the definition of the kind of articles which it was an offence to import into the United Kingdom. Under the more restrictive definition istandard Al. the articles must tend to deprave and corrupt those likely to be exposed in them, whereas to fall under the problimion of importanon (Standard B) it was sufficient that the articles should offend against recognised standards of propriety to the domestic trade in pornorecognized standards of propriety inthout necessarily having any tendency to deprave and corrupt. Whan leave to appeal was sought in the House, however, it was submitted for the appellants that that duality of standards, differentiating in England though not in other parts of the United Kingdom: between domestic and imported pornography, amounted to "a means of arbitrary discrim-ination or a disguised restriction on prade between member states", within the meaning of the second sentence of article 16.

As that had not been argued before the judge it was not surprising that he declined to refer any question of interpretation of the Treaty to the European Court.

Keeping within time limits

He considered that a prohibition of importation of indecent or ob-

During the hearing by the Appeal Committee of a perition for leave to appeal to the House of Lords which was four days out of nme. Lord Witherforce said that time limits ought to be respected, their Lordships were inclined to take a more severe view of failure to observe them than they had in The time limit in civil cases

one mooth, in criminal cases

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The European Court, in contrast to English courts, applied teleological rather than historical methods to the interpretation of the treaties and other Community legislation. It sought to give effect to what it conceived to be the spirit rather than the letter of the spirit rather than the letter of the treaties; sometimes, indeed, to an English judge, it might seem to the exclusion of the letter. It viewed the Communities as living and expanding organisms and the interpretation of the provisions of the treaties as changing to match their growth. For those reasons the European Court did not apply the doctrine of precedent to its nown decisions as rigidly as did an English court. Nevertheless, as any English court. Nevertheless, as any browalng in the Common Market Law Reports would show, the European Court too sought to maintain consistency in its decisions in the interests of legal certainty. In the opinions of the Advocates General and the judgments of the court itself citations of the court's previous judgments were as frequent as citations of previous authority in judgments of English courts.

Thus when there was what was described in the court's own rules (article 95) as "an established hody of case law", an English court, if the case before it was one to which such case law plainly applied, might properly take the

applied, might properly take the view that no reference under article 177 was necessary in order

article 177 was necessary in order to give judgment.

There was in fact a well-established body of case law of the European court as to what amounted to a "quantitative restriction" or a measure "hering equivalent effect" within article 30. So far from supporting the doubts corressed by the Court the doubts expressed by the Court of Appeal on whether an absolute prohibition of import of goods of a particular description could amount to a measure having equivalent effect to a quantitative restriction falling within article that purpose the enforcement of the purpose that the enforcement of the enforcement of the purpose that the enforcement of the purpose that the enforcement of the enf 30. those decisions of the European Court made it clear beyond a peradventure that it did. Instances were Procureur du Roi v Dassonville (1974 2 CMLR 426) and Retve-Zentralfinan: v Landwirtschaftkammer ([1977] 1 CMLR 500)

CMLR 599).

In the light of that case law it appeared to be so free from doubt that an absolute prohibition of importation of goods of a particular description. cular description from other member states fell within article 30 that his Lordship would not have thought any further interpretation necessary. But the

It might be that if the dual standard point had been clearly before the Court of Appeal they would have taken a different view on the desirability of a reference, or would have given feave to appeal to the House so that their Lordships should determine what questions of interpretation needed to be derided to enable the House

d or public direct sentence of ing of the first sentence of a good interesting which the House had now obtained from the European Court showed that he was right. Apart from that, however, in a criminal trial on indictment it could seldom be a proper exercise of the presiding pluga's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding pluga's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding pluga's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding pluga's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding pluga's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding pluga's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding pluga's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercise of the presiding plugas's discrebon to seek a proper exercision to decided by him in the first instance and reviewed thereafter in article and the proper exercise of the president plugas's manufacture restriction of the proper exercise of the president plugas's manufacture restriction of the proper exercise of the president plugas's manufacture restriction of the pr

member state may lawfully impose prohibitions on the importation of goods from snother member state which are of an indecent or obscene character as understood by the laws of that member state?

3. In particular: (1) is the member state entitled to maintain soch prohibitions in order to prevent, or guard against or to reduce the likelihood of breaches of the domestic law of all constituent parts of the customs territory of parts of the customs territory of the state? (ii) is the member state

parts of the customs territory of the state? (iii) is the member state entitled to maintain such prohibitions having regard to the national standards and characteristics of that state as demonstrated by the domestic laws of the consituent parts of the customs territory of that state including the law imposing the prohibition, notwithstanding variations between the laws of the constituent parts?

Answer: The first sectence of article 36 on its true construction means that a member state may, in principle, lawfully impose prohibitions on the importation from any other member state of articles which are of an indecent or obscene character as understood by its domestic laws and that such prohibitions may lawfully be applied to the whole of its national territory aren if, in regard to the field in question, variations exist between the laws in force in the different constituent parts of the member state concerned.

4. If a prohibition on the importation of goods is justifiable on grounds of public morality or public policy, and imposed with that purpose, can that prohibition nevertheless amount to a means of srbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on made

nevertheless amount to a means of srbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade contrary to stricle 36?

Answer: 'If a prohibition on the importation of goods is justifiable on grounds of public mornity and if it is imposed with that purpose the enforcement of absence within the member state concerned of a lawful trade in the same goods, constitute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade

and the large thought any further interpretation necessary. But the strong inclination expressed by the court of Appeal to adopt the contrary view showed that a question of interpretation was involved on which judicial minds to the too ready to hold that becouse the meaning of the English test tonne of six of enual authority seemed plain to them, no question of interpretation could be involved. That was why their Lordship thought it proper to submit to the European Court for a preliminary ruling auestion of interpretation of article 30: they had no doubt as to the answer that would be received.

On article 36 the Court of Appeal took the view that a protection of the importation of interpretation of interpretation of article was the had no doubt as to the answer that would be received.

On article 36 the Court of Appeal took the view that a protection of the importation of involved in any articles was clearly justified on grounds of public morality or public policy. They thought that so plain as to involve to question of interpretation of the importation of the importation of the importation of the involve to question of interpretation of the involve to question of interpretation of the importation of the involve the question of interpretation of the interpretation of the involve the question of interpretation of the int

Naval officers reprimanded over 'riotous' party

diving and bomb disposal team ended in riotous horseplay, it place. was alleged at a court martial at Devonport yesterday.

It was stated that: a lieutenant was seen throwing water from the roof and squirting foam from a fire extinguished at guests; other ratings fire extinguishers at one another; a sailor about to leave the Navy ran around naked: and the party ended with the ducking of a diver in a test rank while a civilian worker, drunk and unconscious, was carried away to he driven home.

Lieutenant-Commander John A Wiseman, aged 34, officer in cider and seven bottles of spirit charge of the Plymouth mine had been supplied.

A Christmas party organized clearance diving team, admitted In a garage by the Royal Navy's permitting the consumption of diving and bomb disposal team alcohol in an unauthorized

Lieutenant Christopher Tarmey, aged 30, his deputy, admitted engaging in riotous behaviour unbecoming the character of an officer. Both admitted failing to main-

tain good order and regularly

among the ratings in their vicinity. They were ordered to be reprimanded. Lieutenant-Commander Simon Stone, for the prosecution, said Commander Wiseman exceeded his authority in giving approval to the party in the garage of diving centre at Devonport. barrel of beer, a barrel of

Swedish MPs ban spirits

Swedish Parliament today ban ned spirits and other strong alcoholic drinks from official receptions. Ever or wine will now (46m) to combat alcoholism be the most potent benerages and drug France-Fresse.

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The company, under the direction of Ed Thomason, pro-

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tinguishes the work—Sander's pathetic minor-key sir in the first act, the duer for Zémire and Ali, or especially Azor's beautiful minuet air which begins to win her over. The ballet too—a minuer, a slow gavotte, and something oddly like a German dance—is delightful music; and the brief moments of melodrama, with a character speaking through an orchestral ritournalle, are unnire et Azor is one nerable versions of and the Beast fable, ty's true love reis original princely onters handling of eno for this opera orchestral ritournelle, are unds a few touches appeal to the Paris-is of 1771. There is failingly affecting. The opera has been revived before, by Beecham among others; shamefully it was its oriental setting others; shamefully it was Beecham's corrupt score, which often plays havoc with Gretry's delicate sonorities, and presents the work in two acts. this Gretry makes han Ramean would the Gothick in the the work in two acts instead of four, that Phoenix Opers elected of Azor's amorous ris hideous appear-above all there is It is Zemire's and pity, her delito use for this Camden Festival revival. Still, Roderick Brydon conducted it sympanhetically and with a nice sense of pace if not quite with due elegance of phrase. Peter Rice designed is susceptibility, on pera finally turns. way this is handled eristically French.

sic is in many ways rejection of French aditions. But no aposer, using the direct idioms of a could have found subtlety of feeling German Singaple One or two of the English operas of ive got near to it. Grétry's sophistication; but Samuel Richardson, s Pamela, who had iensibilité movement. e abounds in charm.

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ly wrote of Sir Arthur

heard in the original version for soprano and small chamber

thection in its handling of len-

guage. Among the singers, I particularly enjoyed Richard Jackson's firm, warm baritone in Sander's music. Ian Caley was a fluent, if slightly hard Azor, Bernard Dickerson marred his near impression of Ali

his nest impersonation of Ali

For some arcune reason or other, it was decided to play the full orchestral version, which tends to smooth the music's edges, lessening its impact, partly because it makes the avant gardist of Conversations ... Cerinstrumental contribution out of scale with the voice. But former work, inwe heard an excellent perform Wednesday's concert ance of that version as such, with Alison Hargon reeling off her streams of nonsense C Symphony Orchestra an Princhard, suggested older composer was her streams of nonsense syllables with something like enturous once than we brilliance. I assume that this to assume. Rour's programme was taped for later broadcasting, and the balance of voice and orchestra will probably then sound better. night be described as ian in the post-ka sense, and it is best

Bliss's Rout was preceded by Elgar's Serenade for Strings, a performance which Mr Prirchard dedicated to the memory of Walter Susskind, whose death in San Francisco bed in San Prancisco had just been announced. It was an apt performance for the occasion, finely balanced in tex-ture and gently buoyant in the outer movements. But a sweetly hingering regret hovers over the entire work, and this was most acute in the Larghetto.

A pioneering British score of another kind was Stanford's Clarinet Concerto of 1902, apparently the first major piece of its kind for the instrument since the days of Spohr. The solo writing rakes the fullest advantage of the clarinet's powers and Colin Bradbury gave a finely nuanced account of every phrase. There are three movements, played without a break, and their general idiom is less satisfactory, the accents of Irish folk songs, especially evident in the Andante; combining rather badly with the influ-

ence of Brahms. Finally came Britten's Cantata Academica, a work with Latin text in honour of the city of Basic. It has never appealed to me, but there is no denying its remarkable formal ingenuities, and Mr Princhard gave it a most sympathetic reading.

Cassavetes's subtle improvisations towards reality

The Killing of a Chinese Bookie (AA) Electric Cinema/

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When Time Ran Out Warner West End

ing about dangers in "the realm of Sapphic troilism". Anne-Louise Wakefield has to Anne-Louise Wakefield has to convince us that she is a waif of fortune, and, whether by nature or skill, succeeds. Michael Wynne has to be a rustic both inarticulate and lyrical, and he does that well. The problem is that Mr Davies has prepared a crime which is a schematic swipe at brutalization. If he followed the example of Alired Hitchcock and introduced the villain early, he might actually have North Sea Hijack (A) Ritz

Santiago Alvarez

National Film Theatre

John Cassavetes's The Killing of a Chinese Bookie exists, confusingly, in two versions. both apparently having the director's approval. The original, running for 135 minutes, first appeared in 1976 and was shown at various film festivals Subsequently Cassavetes cut it to 109 minutes, to make a more conveniently acceptable commercial film. People who commercial film. People who know both versions usually prefer the longer, which they find more characteristic of Cassavetes's leisurely, expansive style, giving characters the opportunity to develop, often birough improvisation by the actors, in their own time. It may be, too, that certain incimay be, too, that certain inci-dents and characters which appear a little enigmatic in the short version are better explained in the full one.

The confusion, is material because, while audiences at the Electric Cinema will see the complete version, the only print available to critics this print available to critics this week was the shorter one. Unusually, then, the public has the advantage over the press. This much allowed, it is clear that The Killing of a Chinese Bookie is one of the best of Cassavete's films, ranking with Opening Night—which makes its late appearance in this country the more surorisphrase. Peter Rice designed prettily exotic settings of a toy-town oriental kind, which looked well and struck the right note; and Anchony Besch's production moved smoothly and with wit without allowing the this country the more surprisserious emotion to be devalued. In that, the new English ver-sion was an especial help. Rod-ney Blumer coped happily with the congs; for the spoken dialogue Jeremy Sams provided a rhymed text of definess and humour and indeed some dis-

Formally, it is a gangater

for half a century or more.

eminently euphonious, aristo-cratic in vocal style, ideal in

deportment, even when in the company of his drinking

cromes. Anne Howells acquired

a new trouser-role, that of Maffio Orsini, and made it al-

ways important, not only in the once favourine drinking song,

"Il segreto per esser felice", a marvellous tune (unforgetrably

recorded long ago by Ernestine Schumann-Heinek).

As Lucrezia's fourth husband,

Covent Garden

William Mann



story. Ben Gazzuni ian actor who seems always to improve, having survived even Peter Bogdanovitch's terrible Saint Jack) plays the owner of a shabby little strip club, whose mortgage he has just paid off.
He works hard, but plays hard
too; and a big night out lands
him heavily in debt to the
local gambling meb.
The strong-arm bove offer

The strongarm boys offer him a choice: to pay 'ip; to lose his club; or to do a small assassination job for them. Jie settles for the job, bungles kill-ing the Chinese bookie, and finds himself fingered as the next assassination target. What Cassaveres brings to

the half-world of clubs and gambling joints is the realism which has always been the eventual goal of his improvirational work with actors. There is nothing spectacular or glamorous or even very colour-ful about his character: Gazzara is showy, but not too bright; the heavy mob is made up fairly evenly of pathological cases and accountable; the dumb; the strip shew is ter-rible. . . . Everybody is human

and unpredictable.
Visually it is the most distinctive of all Cassavetes's films. The dominant impression is the dim and livid light of night streets and club in-teriors, which contrast with the

brief, unkind moments of day-light. A sudden shaft of light from a suddenly opened door is like an explosion in these murky interiors which house the paltry dreams of paltry

Cassavetes's people.
Silver Dreum Rucer honours most of the traditions of the racetrack film. David Essex is a cycle rider who makes his way from the East End to Silversone and the top, with the usual hazards of dirty-play rivals, financial set-backs, track bereavements and love affairs. bereavements and love affairs. There is some novelty in the working class setting, but the real interest of the film, written as well as directed by David Wickes, is the way it appears (and will inevitably be read by social historians of the future) to reflect arritudes of our times.

Basic to the film is a sense Basic to the ulm 15 a sense of British resentment of American opportunity and wealth. The working class London boy, with all his skill but only a disintegrating wreck of a machine, does not disguise his envoy of the entourage and lavish acquioment of his American lavish equipment of his American rival; and the theme, emphasized by the brash aggressiveness of the American rider (Beau Bridges) persists throughout the film. More surprising, but perhaps no less symptomatic of current moods, is the violent, desperate pessi-

mism of the ending; the hero having ridden to triumph, to the joy of friends, family and the British public at large, goes on to ride himself to a needless, fiery death.

The film's major asset is David Essex. I am not too sure about the songs he is given to sing on the sound track; but as so actor he is a wonderfully effective and persuasive under-

Some years ago, with the Italian film Malizia, the Latin chiema discovered the crotic cinema discovered me erotic potency of themes involving young adolescents first sexual experience—reviving, as they must, perhaps the most thrilling postalgic memory in every member of the audience. Since then such subjects have become commonplace in the bourgeois-style sex comedy characteristic of much French and Italian commercial production. Importation to this country has been inhibited in

the last year or so, one supposes, by the vugue threats of the Protection of Children Act, which for a time served to bold up the release of Pretty

Baby.
This special form of titila-Inis special form of tribla-tion is, I suspect, the real rai-son d'être of Prepare: vos mouchoirs, and the secret of its enormous commercial suc-cess. Ostensibly, though, it is a run-of-the-mill Gérard Depar-

dieu-Patrick Dewaere comedy. Depardieu accosts Dewaere, a complete stranger in a cafe one day and insists he gives a hand with his wife, who will not smile, rerely talks, does not get pregnant, and just knits solemnly on all occasions. Dewaere, despite himself, gets interested in the problem; but the resulting menage à trois has no better success: indeed, wife now adds fainting spells to her other annoyances.
In the end she achieves hap-

fulfilment and pregnancy with an intellectually precocious 13-year-old, follow-ing a night of sexual discovery. the script leaves you more bothered than amused by the human improbabilities. It is directed, in the standard manner of bourgeois comedy, by Bertran Blier; and the big puzale is how it came to get the Academy Award for the best foreign film of 1978.

When Time Ran Out looks like a disaster movie crafted by Monty Python. It has a luxury Monty Python. It has a locary hotel in a Pacific paradise filled with guests who stand around in worried clumps muttering "rhubarb", run and staffed by people with bad marital problems, and overshands a success which is a dowed by a volcano which is a masterly collaboration of model makers and pyrotechnic

experts. Since the little party that

mountain ledges and disinte-grating bridges over seas of molten lava, it goes without saying that the complement in-cludes Burgess Meredith as a retired circus wire-walker. The party also includes, surpris-ingly, William Holden, Paul Newman. Red Buttons and Jac-Newman, Red Buttons and Jac-Newman, Red Buttons and Jacqueline Bisser. It is still more surprising to find this foolish film credited to two classy writers, Carl Foreman and Stirling Silliphant. It was directed by James Goldstone.

North Sea Hijack is marginaily more amusing at the level of Boys' Own Paper adventure which is the speciality of its director, Andrew V. McLaglen. Ir too has its stars: Anthony Perkins as the leader of a gang which has hijacked a North Sea oil rig for £25m ransom; James Mason as the stuffy but sporty admiral in charge of things; and Roger Moore as Rufus Excaliburffolkes, the un-orthodox expert who saves the day. Moore, as a bearded, alcoday. Moore, as a bearded, alcoholic misogynist and eccentric seems to have taken on the mantle of the late James Robertson Justice, though he does not handle his lines half so well. Faith Brook offers an amusing portrait of a British woman prime minster.

Retween April 1 and 10 the

Between April 1 and 10 the National Film Theatre is presenting a comprehensive retrospective of the work of the Cuban documentarist San-tiago Alvarez. Derek Malcolm, who has arranged the season, calls him "one of the world's greatest documentarists, and of its last great newsreel men

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Alvarez is 60 and started making films at the time of the revolution in 1959, when he left his job as music librarian at Cuban television. During all the time since then he has continued to turn out newsreels alongside his more ambitious documentaries (some of which run to two or three ambitious documentaries (some of which run to two or three hours). He has been able, therefore, to record every stage in the history of his country. Beyond this, however, he has been a dominant influence on documentary throughout radical Latin fluence on documentary throughout radical Latin America. His characteristic style is fast, fierce montage of style is last, herce montage of film, stills, titles, posters, all accompanied by an equally in-ventive sound track calling on popular songs, speeches and sound effects.

His most powerful lesson, however, has been than humour is not forbidden either to documentary or to revolucal, sometimes outright funny. Derek Malcolm's introduction to the programme quotes. Alvarez as saying: "I attempt ... to use images as powerfully as the capitalist world does to sell goods. The day we socialists promote socialism as well as capitalists promote consumerism will be the day we win the world." Alvarez has done his his companied in the socialism. his bit, certainly, in that direc-

David Robinson

An Optimistic Thrust Young Vic

Irving Wardle

On learning from the Joint Stock Theatre Group's programme that An Optimistic Thrust consists of written material, scenes improvised in rehearsal and improvisation in performance one starts the evening wondering whether they have got a show as well. Evidently this doubt has also struck the company, who have festooned their work with interpretative clues including Mrs Alving's speech on the dead hand of the past, Dunbar's Timor Mortis delivered by a death's head Scot, and a first-hand account of the Greek colonels passing-our parade.

Most of this strikes me as unnecessary. You do not need these nervous digs in the ribs to spot the theme which binds most of the sketches, scripted and improvised, before they are finally woven together in a surrealist finale which brings Miss Haricham and Estella on the Most of this strikes me as Pavisham and Estella on to the school playing fields for a Shakespearian cricker match. This scene marks the point of convergence between the show's two main elements: scenes from Great Expectations and scenes inside the school, respecrively contrasting Dickensian naturalism with masked farce. Starting with a tuneless school sing-song, and the illiter-

ate Joe's educational autobiography, the production estab-listies a wide stylistic polarity which then closes in with a pincer grip on the theme of indoc-

trination. The tyranny of fixed ideas is variously exhibited in scenes of family life, newspaper readership and sexual blackmail ometimes ac at the expense of the two main narrative elements. No lover of Dickens, I have

never seen his work more per-suasively played than it is here. The loud self-congratulatory lokes and patronizing character-ization that shriek at you on the page are muted and handled with a quier respect that makes you wonder how this author can ever have been accused of vul-

garity.

The school passages, to my delight, offer the first public view of William Gaskill's work with comic masks since the mid-sixties. And I would urge anyone unfamiliar with it to make the prompt acquaintance with this most potent and under-used form of theatre magic; and to witness the rebirth of actors in the likeness of Jennifer Carey's masks. Julie Covington undergoes transformation into an ununerably despondent wast called Doreen and David Rintoul into her groresquely speechless brother whose every change of facial angle threatens to drown the playing field in

Against these, and a bouncy Against these, and a bothey (male) blonde called Ariadne whose Daddy owns the school, the flogging, bar-brandishing staff do not stand a chance; hence the optimistic title. Mr Gaskill has often been called a teacher, and one of the even-ing's fascinations is to see him exploring the lunacies of the teaching process in a piece which, for all its fragmented origins, ends up looking uncommonly like a good play.

Hakan Hagegard Wigmore Hall

Barry Millington

Although still only in his midthirties, Hakan Hagegard has already been singing Winterreise in public for a decade: I doubt whether he can have given many performances as flawless in execution and as mature in interpretation as that at the Wigmore Hall on Wednesday evening. Often a song or two of this cycle are needed by performers to warm up, but Mr Hagegard held us in thrall from the very first number, "Gute Nacht", with his exceptionally beautiful voice and superb technical control.

In "Der Lindenbaum" showed just how a simple melodic line can be enriched, by gently pushing a rising phrase, by dwelling almost imperceptibly on the highest note of the verse : all this without destroying its essentially in store for the very accomplicated character. In his a final eruption of despair—or uncomplicated character. In his a final eruption of despair—or was it defiance?

in this song. Mr Hagegard demonstrated too his resource in matters of tonal shading. His partner, Thomas Schuback, who in finesse matched him phrase for phrase throughout the cycle, produced out of the semiquaver triplets a highly plausible imitation of the whistling cold winds.

It would be impossible to do justice to the many subtleties of this Winterreise interpretation, but one should not omit mention of two high points. The bitterly lyrical last line of Letzte Hoffnung provides singers with one of their finest opportunities; Mr Hagegard was deeply expressive, not by pulling the line about in a show of grief, but allowing it to speak for itself. Similarly in "Die Nebensonnen" Schubert paves the way, but it takes a great artist to draw the most from such a straightforward melodic

In the closing "Der Leiermanu". Mr Hagegard had a noticeable and effective break in his voice for the hurdy-gurdy man, but he also had something in store for the very last line:

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's larer editions.



Joan Sutherland as Lucrezia Borgia.

Much care and thought must

As Lucrezia's fourth husband, Alfonso d'Este, Stafford Dean made a welcome return to these shores, delighting us with his noble bearing and elegant bass rimbre. In smaller parts the ear and eye were caught by Jonathan Summers's Gazella, Robin Leggate's Liveroun, Frantis Egerton's Rustighello and have gone into this production which have now been revived presering sucrezing normal nations in materior; the vocas septet, viva joan and not rise gramatically great musical merits. From this il madera", is a superb entropy to the occasion. A less starry staged performance it did not semble number, and there are said operations of the repertory.

other serious Donizetti operas

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Seemed less telling than Anna high quality. Covent Garden's Bolena or Maria Stuarda, two production is scrupulously cast. I can only conclude that the conductor, Richard Bonynge, of a powerful early romantic opera. From records and concert performances, I know that Donizetti's Lucrezia Borgia has process musical marks. The process of the process of

Photograph by Donald Goopa

rd MONTH John Huston's MDEN "WISE BLOOD" AZA "ABSOLUTELY NOT TO BE MISSED" -THE ORSERVER

Three wise men in muddied waters

The three wise men given the formidable task of sorting out the steel strike will probably hegin to envy the uncomplicated labours of Hercules and Sisyphus before they are very much older. Few more intractable industrial disputes can bave been put out to disinterexted parties by men and managers who have fought each

other to the point of exhaustion.

The committee of inquiry into the pay confrontation be tween the unions and the British Steel Corporation has not under way with commendable celerity, and once it has heard in public the arguments from both sides its members can address themselves to the small fibrary of documents and counter-documents produced by four months of fruitless

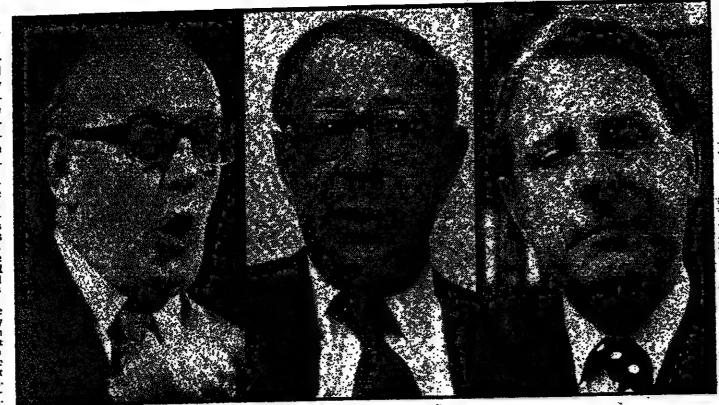
The differences between the The differences between the two sides appear engagingly simple to resolve. As laid down to suit Eritish Steel, the remit to Lord Lever's team is to examine the union's claim, the employer's offer and the draft of an agreement on job flexibility, working practices, demanning and reform of the industry's collective bargaining machinery.

machinery.

The committee must then decide whether the draft deal is worth 14 per cent on basic rates (as the unions insist) or 10 per cent (as BSC insists) and whether an agreement to get local productivity deals off the ground is worth BSC's calculation of 4 per cent or 5 per cent as the unions claim.

If only that were all. The waters become muddled when it is remembered that British Steel will pay the productivity honus only for three months

honus only for three months until June 23, and it will cease to he paid if the unions fail to negotiate inh-saving agree-ments at works level by that



Mr Bill Keys, Lord Lever and Sir Richard Marsh: tackling an unhappy saga.

cut-off date. The corporation is looking for a manpower reduc-tion of 12,000 through produc-tivity bargaining.

In Scotland the bonus payment would require a 3 percent job loss. Jobs would go at other plants, for instance Scunthorpe. "Every steelworker would be required to hecome a bounty hunter," says the ISTC strike sheet, Steelworker Beauty

Herein lies the rub. Much of the impetus still in the strike

reaction against British Steel's closure programme, which is designed to take out a further 40,000. jobs chiefly at Port Talbot, Llauwern and Consett. But the inquiry is prevented by the narrowness of its remit from analysing the widar impact

of BSC's business strategy.
Yet it is ability (or more correctly, inability) to pay that the corporation has adduced all long as the reason for its low pay offers since last December. The scope for a compromise on

with jobs and the financial prospects for state steel. If it is not already so, it will rapidly become clear to the three wise men that a make-shift settlement of the imme-diate pay dispute that the men will think is too low and management too high will almost certainly get the blast furnaces and rolling mills going again after Easter. Both sides

for the long-term interests of the industry. As soon as the strike is over, BSC has to reopen serious negotiations with the unions on plant closure. Backed by the TUC, the unions are seeking a complete reshaping of management's blueprint for an industry only two thirds of its present size through a joint approach to the Government for a capital restructuring

ment before the Lever Inquiry are not. The draft deal talks of are not. The draft deal takes of the continued need for joint discussions at national and local level "with the objective of achieving international manning standards... and on the means, by which closer working rela-tionships can be established betronships can be established the tween the corporation and the unions? The whole package is set in the context of BSC's serious business difficulties."

In its evidence, the corporation will doubtless feel obliged to draw on calculations on wages policy that are part and parcel of management's general strategy for the industry. And if they have an opportunity, the unions will want to offer arguments in rebuttal. Plainly, these matters go well beyond the immediate focus of discontent and the inquiry team could quite properly analyze and comment on the corporation's busi-

Not to do so would be to the pay dispute from Steel's future in a quite unreal manner. As a former economic minister, Lord Lever is ideally placed to review this unhappy saga in the round. Sir Richard Marsh and Mr. Bill Keys also have wide experience of industries railways, steel consumers, newspaper publishing and printing where the impact of wage increases has to be judged in the brutally wider world of falling demand and lost jobs. ...

It will be a pity if this golden opportunity for the corporation and the unions to lift their eyes from trench warfare to the prospects of a successful peace is lost. But it will be grasped only if the inquiry adopts an expansive view of its responsibility in the affair.

who are looking for a new centre party.

The key question, though, is whether this disputs induces Labour to become committed while in opposition to a policy of withdrawal. To some extent this may depend on the progress of the general left-right battle within the party. It is certainly not true that only left-wingers are opposed to British membership. But most of the leading figures on the right are EEC supporters, and the wide-spread sant-European sentiment within the party was used by the left as an instrument against them last time Labour was in opposition. If the left become dominant they will no doubt do the same thing again—only more so.

Even if the left do not become

dealers agree to pool their re-sources and buy some rarity in partnership. They may well be prepared to bid higher as a group than any one of them would have done on his own; the risk is shered and they will divide the executive them. Even if the left do not become

the risk is shared and they will divide the eventual profit—or loss—between themselves.

On the day however, it is a matter of luck whether there is another strong bidder to run them up to their maximum price, or there is no-one else around who has really understood the object and they get it for less than each would have been prepared to go to dominant, there will still be pressure to move in that direction. As a response to rising unemployment. Labour may well come out in favour of imhave been prepared to go to well come out in favour of import controls. Only if these were clearly for selected products for a limited period would they be compatible with Britain's Community obligations. Quite apart from that, there will be the strong inclination as the party that is most sceptical about the TEC was to be outlanded by separately.
With prices for art and antiques as high as they are now, there is an immense amount of such partnership bidding. Some dealers, I am assured, have nothing in their shops which is not owned in partnership with someone else. But where such partnerships EEC not to be outflanked by Mrs Thatcher in appealing to that sentiment in the country.

But unless the left really are in control of the party or Britain's relations with the

end and zings begin is a very most point. It is difficult to know where you start breaking cult to know where this line should be drawn. EEC have deteriorated to the point where there is a general in every specialist field of public demand that the United Kingdom should come out the art market the dealers there will be considerable reluctend to know each other and to be on friendly terms. On tance to fight the next election occasion, especially if commison a straight commitment to withdraw. That would be a manifesto on which it would be sioned to do so by a client, they will bid against each they will bid against each other. But in general, as one would expect among friends, hard to unite the party, so the

they tend not to; whether arrangements are loosely or rightly or nanized varies from field to field. In some areas the market is so international or there are so many private collectors in-volved in auctions that such

Geoffrey Smith

The EEC ro bad news fc a centre par

the European Community is not settled satisfactorily?

Among Conservatives there has

certainly been both a harden-ing of opinion in some quarters

against the Community and a more general weakening of conviction in the European cause. But there is no sign of this trend going so far as to embarrass Mrs Thaucher. She can in all probability rely upon

can in all probability rely upon a sufficient measure of support

in the party for any sanctions she may consider necessary, and acceptance of any terms she regards as reasonable.

For the Liberals the whole affair must be upsetting be-

cause they are the party whose attachment to the EEC is most wholehearted and unequivocal. But one of the curiosities of the

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Liberals' electoral appeal is that it seems to bear no precise relationship to what voters think of particular Liberal policies. It is quite possible therefore for popular support for the Liberals to continue to tise while public approval of the Community continues to decline. If a new centre party were to be formed, however, it is likely that its policies would

is likely that its policies would be scruinized much more care-fully; and one of the policies that unites virtually all prospec-

tive members of such a party

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Running rings around the auction rules

At the behest of the Director of Public Prosecutions the police are now investigating whether the purchase for £165,000 of Algardi's marble hust of Monsignor Cerri by Agnew's. Artemis and Eugene Thaw in partnership broke the Auction (Bidding Agreements) Act 1927, as amended in 1969. The result of their investigation—the trade organization. Act 1927, as amended in 1969. The result of their investigation will be of major significance to the art trade, for partnerships of this sort are indulged in by dealers all the

The words "auction ring" curiously do not appear at any noint in the 1927 Act or the 1969 amendment. But the prevention of auction rings was the reason for this legislation being brought in. In banning virtually all parmership agreements between dealers to which the auctionser is not privy, the Act apparently takes in many agreements which are not necessarily aimed at diddline the auctioneer or clients. The problem that faced the legislators was presumably one of drafting and definition. To ensure that rings y'cre illecal a lot of other arrangements had to be banned as well.

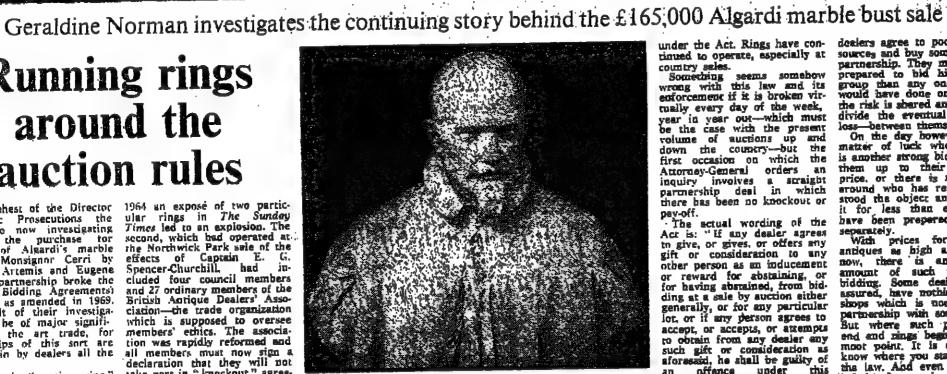
Between 1927 and the 1960s prosecution was brought rings continued to flourish. In

ciation—the trade organization which is supposed to oversee members' ethics. The associa-

tion was rapidly reformed and all members must now sign a declaration that they will not take part in "knockout" agreements. That the wording of form they sign is significantly different to that used in the Act is underlined by the fact that Julian Agnew of the deal—is this year's president of the British Antique Dealers'

Association. The dealers accept that a "ring" involving a "knockout" is a significantly different affair to a partner-ship. It is now for the police and the DPP to decide whether the law agrees with them. It is perhaps worth underlin

ing how a ring works. The essence is that a group of knowledgeable dealers get together before a sale and agree not to bid against one another. Arrangements are



Algardi's marble bust of Monsignor Cerri.

made over which lots are con- against one another the loss cerned and who is going to bid can be

After the saic the dealers retire to some private place and hold a second auction between themselves; this is the "knockout". The difference between the auction and knockout prices is totalled up and divided by the number of desiers participating; each receives his share.

The extent to which the client selling at auction is guecessfully cheated depends fundamentally on the auctioneer. If he has miscatalogued a rarity and those who have spotted it agree not to bid

vast. This w what happened apparently what happened in the great Duccio scandal of 1968 which led to the amendment of the Auction (Bidding Agreements) Act. A picture ring had paid £2,700 for a Duccio painting in a country sale which Julius Weizner subsequently sold to the National Gallery for £150,000.

It was when an attempt was made to bring a prosecution in that case that the shortcomings of the 1927 Act were discovered; no case was brought but the Act was amended. In the 11 years since then there has still been no prosecution

country sales.
Something seems somehow wrong with this law and its enforcement if it is broken vir-

tinued to operate, especially at

tually every day of the week, year in year out—which must be the case with the present volume of auctions up and down the country—but the first occasion on which the Attorney-General orders an inquiry involves a straight partnership deal in which there has been no knockout or pay-off.
The actual wording of the

Act is: "If any dealer agrees to give, or gives, or offers any gift or consideration to any other person as an inducement or reward for abstaining, or for having abstained, from bid-ding at a sale by auction either generally, or for any particular lot, or if any derson agrees to accept, or accepts, or attempts to obtain from any dealer my such gift or consideration as aforesaid, he shall be guilty of

The Act goes on to say that if a bona fide agreement exists between dealers and a copy the agreement has deposited with the auctioneer before the goods are sold there has been no offence. In practice dealers con-stantly bid in partnership but rarely deposit a copy of their agreement with auctioneer—feeling that

prior knowledge would make him jack up the price. There are bidding partner ships which tend to act in the interests of the seller and others that act against it; it is generally unclear which way things will go until the sale takes place. For instance, supknowledgeable pose four

this is the exception rather than the rule.

arrangements are unworkable.

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Shabby but still a window on the West

Perhaps the chequered history of Latria is most succinctly summed up in the different names given this century to the nain street in Riga, the capital. Until the revolution it was called Alexander Street : during the short-lived independent republic it was called Freedom Street; in 1941 it became Adolf Hitler Street, and after the war t was renamed Lenin Street

Larvia has always been at the mercy of its powerful neighbours. It was the Germans who came first-the Knights of the Sword, as the Teutonic knights were known, who conquered the Baltic shores under the guise of converting the pagans in the thirteenth century. Bishop thirteenth century. Bishop Albert began a mighty cathedral in Riga in 1211—which took 500 vears to complete—and the city became a member of the Hanseatic League.

But then Riga fell under Polish domination, followed by capture by the Swedes in the seventeenth century. It was wrested from them by Peter the Great and incorporated in the Russian Empire until 1919. And now the Russians are back.

Each ware left its mark on the city's architecture, and what survives of the old centre is a hotch-potch of styles. The Germans set the tone and for years dominated culture and commerce. In 1899 they constituted almost half the population compared with 13 per cent Latvians At the end of the last century, during the boom days as an important Tsarist port. Riga was a smart and fashionable German city. Solid imposing blocks were Russian part of the Soviet

erected to house the stock exchange. The first travel agency—Thomas Cook and Sons -the labour exchange and the opera (where Wagner spent a year as principal conductor).

These monuments to bourgeois prosperity now serve more Soviet functions and look rather forlorn and shabby. Unlike Talling, the Estonian capital to the north where virtually the whole town is under repair, Riga is having to wait for its facelift. A master plan exists to turn the cobbled alleys and little courtvards into a tourist paradise of houtiques and cafes, but so far little has been done.
It has been enough of a job

to repair the ravages of the Nazi

occupation, which left half a million Latvians dead and vir-

tually wiped out Riga's once

thriving Jewish community. After the war the factories were rebuilt and the planners established new industry. This is now seen as a mistake—especially by the fiercely nationalist Latvians. Labour was brought in from all corners of the Soviet Union to fill the new jobs. Russians, Ukranians and Byclorussians flooded into Riga because of the higher standard of living and brought Russification in their wake. When the population reached 800,000, out of a total of only two and a half million

in all Larvia, further immigra-

Riza, like Moscow and Lenin grad, is now a restricted city requiring a residence permit. No new industry has been authorized in the capital and the planners are trying to shift factories

to other parts of the republic. The great influx has left Riga looking more like an ordinary Soriet city than most other places in the Baltic republics. More Russian is spoken more fluently than in any other non-

Union, And every year thou-sands of tourists from other parts of the country head for the golden beaches of the Latvian coast.

A high proportion of foreign tourists consist of emigres returning to see their families summer. But the numbers have been limited by a lack of hotel space. Ten years ago intourist began a grandiose 700-bed hotel to solve the problem. But the stark skyscraper, plumped in the middle of the medieval city, was soon becalmed in beautocratic bickering and its constantly receding target date for completion became a local joke.

Brochures were printed telling tourists of the wonderful view from the restaurant on the 27th floor, but until a month ago no tourist could set foot in the unfinished building to have a look for himself. Larvians have no love for the

big blue box structure maddeningly outdoes by three feet the elegant 13th century steeple, 380ft of late Gothic architecture, of St Peter's Church, Still, as one guide remarked, at least the building timetable was in the tradition of Bishop Albert's ancient cathe-

That cathedral used to be used by the Lutheran Church until the Soviet state rook it over as a monument in the 1950s. It contains one of the world's most renowned organs, a magnificent 6,768-pipe structure built by German craftsmen in 1884 and still one of the largest in the world.

The Nazis had it dismantled to take to Germany, but re-treated before they could do 20. It was rebuilt and then restored in 1961. The cathedral aisles can hold more than 1.000



people for the frequent organ concerts which still draw capacity audiences every week. The Lutherans srill have 18

working churches in Riga. Services are in Lasvian and the church is strongly identified with Larvian culture. The Lutherans have a seminary in Riga training 40 clergy. five of whom are women. Bishop Matulis ordained the first two women priests several years ago without, he maintained, any controversy within the church. They are both now working in country districts where, because of the shortage of clergy, each

holds services in three different the first, crispy

chances of electoral victory, would be correspondingly reduced. If there is no such

commitment, the question then becomes whether the anti-FFC

noises that are bound to be in

the manifeste are of such a nature as to tie the hands of a

The manifesto on which the party fought last year's election was not of that kind. The tone

was critical, but, the document

In religion Latvia is the point where East, West and South meet. The Russian Orthodox Church, 80 per cent of whose attenders are Russians, and the Roman Catholic Church, which ministers especially to the Polish minority, are approximately equal in strength with 14 Orthodox and 16 Catholic churches in Riga open for services. All those I visited on a Sunday morning were full. The Roman Catholics also

have a seminary in Riga with 30 students; not enough, according to Monsiguer Wil-helm Nuks, the Vicar General, of the main Catholic Church. but a compromise figure acrepted by both the church and the atheist Soviet state. The Russian Orthodox Church

also has a convent beside the main cathedral. The 50 nuns range in age from 24 to 90 and Latvia is still grateful to them for saving the lives of 100 children during the war by buying them from Nazi camps where they had been bled almost to death to provide blood for the German army.

The war wrought greatest destruction on the Jewish community. All but one of the synagocues were destroyed partition in the a Jewish community of 28,000 (10 years ago there were 37,000. hut emigration has reduced the figure). Last week the collor of the synagogue was bustling with activity turning out the last marzo-unicavened attendantes bread—before Passover. Some want to bring you.

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factors, however — until recently, long and slow lines ever-important London; and bution of social what might be called the environmental benefits Andy Capp image held of new opportunities." about the area elsewhere. intelligent dialect, and that the staple diet is fish and chips and Newcastle Brown

Ale. Valiant efforts have been made in the last quarter of a century to alter these adverse factors, both within the North-east itself and, it must be said, in the often despised and suspected cor-Much has improved, parti-cularly in the field of fast

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The latter means that the ways the North was "at a whole of the North-east, crossroads". It suggested North-way, Georgicland, that much more should be that much more should be or whatever one cares to done to stimulate estab-call it, is shought to have a lished, locally-based firms, backdrop of pithead gear so that they might play a and shippard cranes; that much greater part in moder, the inhabitants speak an unitary mixing and developing the inhabitants and that economy; and argued that the many government-spon-sored projects to attract dustry from overseas and in should continue.

In February last year a joint monitoring team of departments and from the five county councils produced its first State of the

Region report.

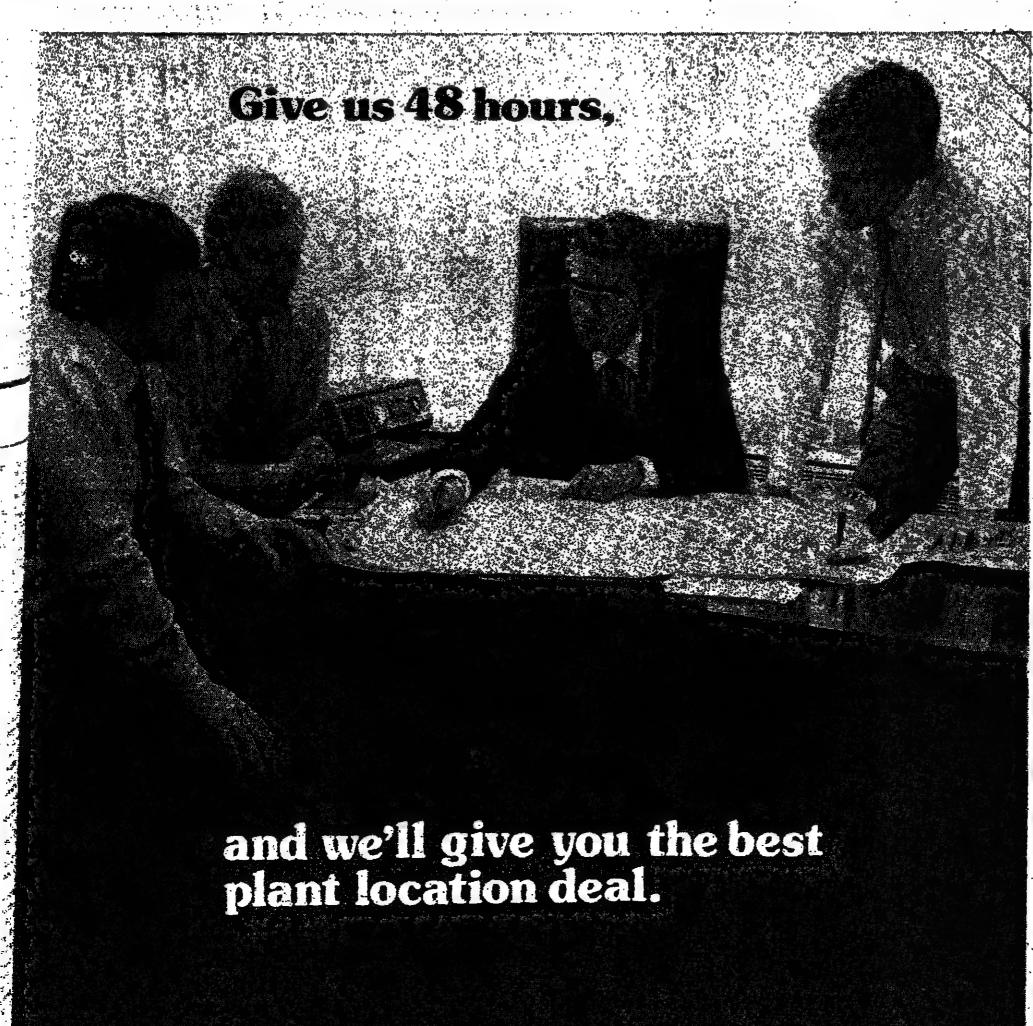
It said that recent trends showed a complex pattern of favourable and unfavourable developments, which made it difficult to draw simple, general conclusions. On unemployment rates and coastine currounding a and on these statistics hang fairly compact industrial all the hopes and fears of the few unfor-the have not events since that report Northumbria have confirmed its overall gloomy outlook. Unemploy-

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Ronald Kershaw, Northern Industrial Correspondent, discusses the future of new and traditional industries

New divisions cause dissent

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The association, chaired isted agricultural territory for retains influence as far of Northern England—that north as Barrow-in-Furness, is, the territory lying Another feature of the re- however, and the Ministry roughly from the Crewe- qualified as the best the special asset of being politically neutral because

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In a further move a working party of the northern Conservative council is recently called for the creation of a new-style Northern development council and for the scrapping of the exist-ing North of England De-velopment Council which it carry out the same func-

and strengthen its powers. The North-east has never

really lacked bodies willing and anxious to act as voices for the region. The problem i in the past has been which i should have the seal of gen-eral approval. Although dis-missed in some quarters, as

Miners respond to cash injection

The local government re-organization which brought of Agriculture and Fish Grimsby line up to the Scot-Britain's coal industry is respiration measures of about anomalies was the eries, the Manpower rish border. booming. For the first time

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was a sellers' market. We had wonderful shipyards on Tyneside, but now they are paying off and laying off. But we have seen it coming

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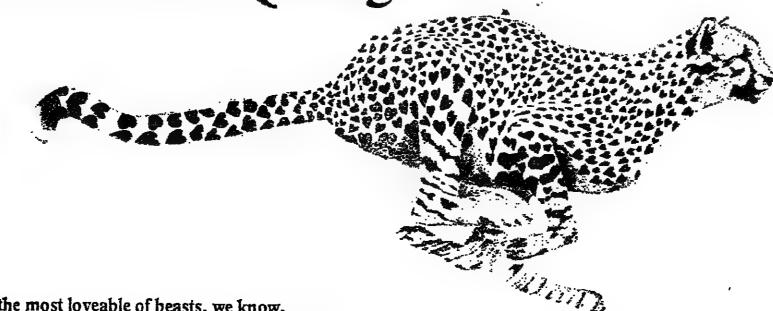
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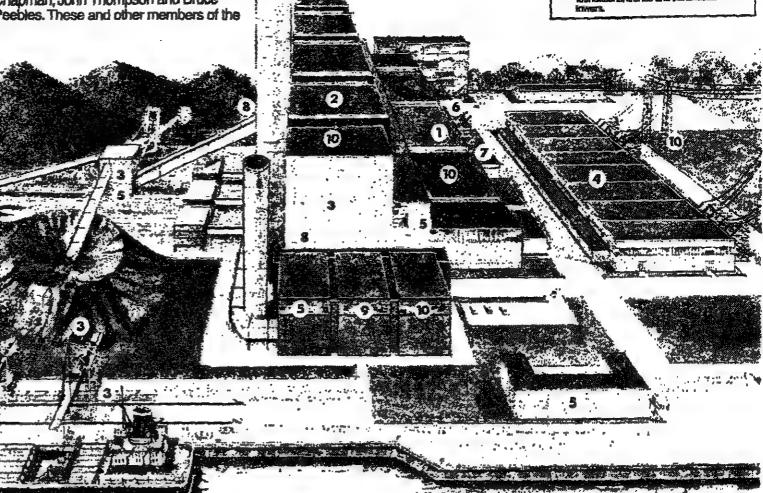
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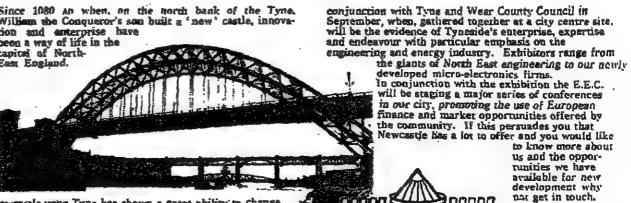
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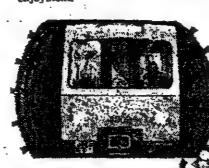
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Breathtaking scenery beyond the industrial strip

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Transport system is pride of region

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'It wasn't something I wanted to do at first' Mr. X revealed to me in an exclusive interview. 'But the more I thought about it, the more attractive the idea became...

Mr. X was a typical businessman, hardworking and ambitious but hampered by problems — old and cramped premises. out of date machinery and never enough money to do anything about them.

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I decided to probe deeper. And that clinched it?" 'Not just that' Mr. X replied. 'The ad also said that factories from 600 to 50,000 square feet were readily available, that there was room to expand if required and fully serviced sites from 1/2 acre to 40 acres available if I wanted to build my own factory. It talked about the existing labour-force,

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port and docking facilities at nearby Tyne and Teesside and two airports within 25 miles . . .' Mr. X stopped as if he had already said too much. 'So you relocated and collected the cash?' I asked.

He smiled. 'The temptation was too great for one man'.

'And the results?" Mr. X leaned back in the chair in his spacious, airv office and pointed out of the window to his new factory premises, framed by green fields.

'Just look around you!' he said. For further details on Peterlee New Town and the grants available contact:

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Taming the three rivers for the year 2000

In May 1970 the Northum-ment grants. Further assist-brian River Authorist ance from the EEC will be decided in principle to seek given by way of reduced in-powers for the construction terest rates, and the rest of of a reservoir at Kielder in the money will be borrowed the North Type Valley and from the Matienes Loune the North Type Valley and from the Namonal of an aqueduct linking the Fund. rivers Tyne, Wear and Tees. reconstruction of bridges required to meet and improvements to high-ways, and the main con-

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acres will make it larger. In addition to providing than Lake Ullswater and the water needed for both three quarters of the area dimestic and industrial use of lake Windormore. of Lake Windermore.

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Kielder Water Scheme has more than half that amount. Seen an abundant source of facts and figures, most of them relevant. And it became the subject of fierce debate between the conservationists and those who saw the region's water supply resources as an urgent problem.

The debate was resolved long ago, and some of the facts can now be allowed to speak for themselves. The Kielder reservoir, for instance, will be just under seven miles long and its surgest man-made lakes in Europe and it will be in the largest man-made forest in Europe—although 1.500,000 trees had to be felled to make room for it.

The dam will be three quarters of a mile long and 170fc high—as high as Nel-

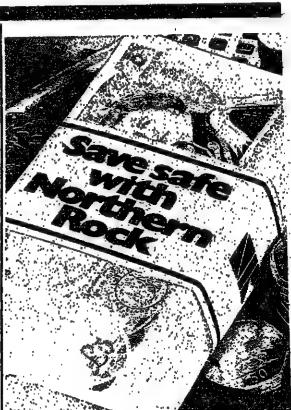
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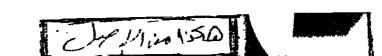
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tant than Britain.

This is why Germany makes so much of the point that any solution must be a Community solution and not the result of bilateral bargaining or West German mediation. At the same time Herr Schmidt, in spite of his ideological preference for a Labour Government, is acutely aware of the danger that if the present trend of opinion in Britain continues the next British election could produce a government committed to leaving the Community. He is trying his best to be helpful. But this makes him all the more anxious that Mrs Thatcher should make some arrempt to limit the tide of anti-European feeling in Britain instead of encouraging it.

These differences make a shaky basis for dealing with external problems. They undermine artempts to work out a common response to the invasion of Afghanistan, and they confuse relations with the United States. They heighten the temptation to unite only in criticizing the manifest shortcomings of American policy. If Europe succumbs to this temptation the Atlantic will gradually widen until Europe has brought upon herself a dangerous level of vulnerability. The night-mare of a weakening of the American commitment will have been brought about not by a revival of American isolationism but by Europe's absorption in her own virtue and her own affairs, fostered by a too unquestioning sense of security. If Britaindespite her strong case—has failed to see the danger of dividing Europe, France, at least, has failed to see the danger of

alienating the United States.

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given to the family taxpayer is

thereby reduced because the one

form of relief specifically directed to him is being singled

out for less generous treatment.

has now done. He has announced

that the main personal tax allow-ances will be raised in line with

price inflation, but that child benefits will be increased by rether less than that. The contra-

diction between this decision and

the teners of family policy would be obvious if the child tax allow-ances had not been replaced by child benefits. It would have been unthinkable for the old

child allowances to be the one

main form of personal tax allow-

ance not to be fully uprated. So

family taxpayers are suffering from a change in the form of

payment that was specifically endorsed by the Conservatives

when they were in opposition.

The correct course would have

seen for Sir Geoffrey to put

child benefits and the main per-

sonal tax allowances on the same footing and then to have determined by how much he

could afford to increase the lot.

would have been made by a Gov-

ernment that seriously intended

to give priority in its policies to

the family, though this change would admittedly have affected

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placed, it is levied upon the sum

There is another change that

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TION AND FAMILY POLICY

Sir Geoffrey Howe's increased by more than child

the structure of the alliance. Relations between Bonn and Washington, which had been laboriously patched up since the early disasters of the Carter Administration, declined again. Relations between Paris and Washington dropped from medium to bad. Relations between London and Bong also dropped a few points. Relations between London and Washington. on the other hand, became better than ever, while Paris and Bonn also moved closed together. This quadrilateral imbalance has not been unmanageable but it shows up weaknesses under stress, and it threatens Bonn with the dilemma it most hates—a degree of thoice between Paris and

Washington. A teaming up into Bonn-Paris v London-Washington

is a dangerous way to run the western alliance, and although Germany may well regard France

as a more important ally than Britain, in the end the United

States is a more important ally

than France. Herr Schmidt now sees an answer in the division of labour among members of the alliance, with each tackling the problems it knows best. Thus Britain does its bit in Zimbabwe, for instance, while West Germany gives substantial aid to Turkey. There is sense in this provided it does not become a way of avoiding common policies and common action. The fact is that differences over the response to Afghanistan were neither inevitable—if there had been better consultation—nor particularly constructive. They arose largely from individual countries taking a too narrow view of their own interests. The Anglo-German relationship is

important as a way of relieving the stresses of the European and Atlantic alliances.

that is given and not the amount

that is received. This means that

just as much tax is paid if a

parent divides his estate between a number of children as if he left it all to one individual.

It would be an exaggeration

to say that this penalizes the

family. What is true is that an

opportunity to benefit the family has not been taken. If the

form of the tax were changed

this would further undermine the old tradition of primogeni-

ture, which is hardly consistent

with the modern concept of the

family. Sir Geoffrey has, however,

significantly raised the threshold for payment of capital

transfer tax to £50,000, a change

that is expected to remove about

two-thirds of the estates that

would otherwise be liable. Only a relatively small minority of

people will therefore be affected

in future. This should mean that

the cost to the Exchequer to levy-

ing the tax on the recipient

should not be too great, but in

any case the rate of tax could if necessary be adjusted accord-

inely. The important point is the

principle that whether the Gov-

ernment is dealing with majori-

ties or minorities it needs to

take more deliberate account of

families—or forget its claim to make this the centre of its social

policy. The Government claim to believe both in small busi-

nesses and families; the Budget

shows the reality of their con-

cern for small businesses, which

is not the more important of the

resources, rests in no small measure on the belief that we honour our bond and abide by the law.

First, the immediate objective of financial easement for Britain must be presented and pursued in the

sentatives of scholarly institutions

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March 18.

From Dr P. A. Merton, FRS, and

the Westminster Hospital, whose wards have been walked by generations of Cambridge graduates. The first uses a debatable recommendation of the General Medical Council "that integrated and interdisciplinary teaching should be undertaken throughout the undergraduate curriculum" to pick off both the Westminster clinical school and the admirable pre-clinical and the admirable pre-clinical faculty at King's College, London. But the GMC, of course, is not advocating wholesale "vertical" integration of clinical and preclinical teaching; and a measure of early clinical exposure is not ecluded by setting the early years the course in a multi-faculty

environment. The second argument, the need to reduce beds in central London, is harder to dispute. But if Charing Cross, Sr George's and the Royal Free can be successfully translated to the suburbs, why not the West-

demic departments at Rochampton. This solution was presumably discounted on the assumption that there would be no funds for major capital developments: but an important addendum to the report notes that funds have just been offered for the Barrs, London, Queen Mary College project. Lord Flowers and his colleagues should

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Withholding of VAT payments

From Sir Derek Walker-Smith, QC, MP for Hertford, East (Conservative) context of the Broader objective of rationalising the CAP in the interests not only of Britain but of the

Sir, Mr Owen Warnock in your issue of March 25 records that he is disturbed that both Government and Opposition should accept the withholding of Britain's VAT contribution to the EEC "as a proper

This is not so. It is true that the Opposition amendment referred to such withholding "as a last resort"; but this amendment was resort"; but this amendment was rejected by the House. The government motion, which was agreed to without division, makes no mention of witholding and indeed does not specify methods of securing agreement to Britain's linked objectives of a reduction in her EEC contribution. tion and a radical restructuring of the common agricultural policy. It is true that prima-facie at any rate such a withholding would be a breach of treaty obligation and as auch a wiolation of international law.

This is because the obligation derives from the EEC Treaty by way of a decision of the council. Briefly, the legal position is that article 201 of the treaty envisaged the replacement, following a unanimous decision of the council, of the original method of financing the Community under article 200 that is to say by one of practiced that is to say, by way of prescribed per-centages from the member states) by a system of community "own resources". The system was duly specified in the council decision of April 21, 1970. Articles 2 and 3 of the decision specified respectively customs duties from non-member countries and agricultural levies as part of the "own resources" for the Community, and article 4 specified a third element as a yield from VAT not exceeding 1 per cent. The necessary common assessment basis for VAT was ostablished by the sixth VAT directive in May, 1977, that the common assessment basis for VAT was ostablished by the sixth VAT directive in May, 1977, that the common assessment basis for VAT was ostablished by the sixth VAT directive in May, 1977, that the common statement of t though even now there is no total compliance therewith.

This being the position in law, I thought it right in the House of thought it right in the House of Commons to caution the Government against such a unifacteral withholding. Law and the treaties are the cement of the Community. If that cracks, the edifice must crumble and collapse. But it would not only be the Community which would be damaged. Britain's high standing in the world, diminished as she is in military might and material resources, rests in no small measure

How then should we proceed in this difficult situation? The position can, I think, be summarised in four

EEC as a whole. Secondly, increased EEC spending in the United Kingdom cannot be a satisfactory alternative to the rationalisation of the CAP for two

reasons, both because it would be at best a palliative—in the words of the commission document "special temporary, and ad hoc"—and because it would inevitably antail a step in the direction of detailed centralised Community control, a step towards what is usually, though loosely, termed a Federal Europe.

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loosely, termed a Federal Europe.

Thirdly, if Britain is to act within the law, there can be no withholding of VAT contributions while a member of the Community, since it is a treaty obligation accepted by Britain in the Act of Accession and not sought to be altered in the so-called renegotiation of 1975.

Fourthly, there is, however, on the unwelcome hypothesis that our EEC partners refuse to see reason regarding the CAP, an alternative course of conduct which does not involve a breach of international law. Although unilateral repudiation of a treaty and its obligations is a breach of international law, article 54 of the Vienna Convention on the law of treaties, ratified by the United Kingdom only 10 years and, provides that "the termination of a treaty or the withdrawal of a party may take place... at any time by consent of all the parties after consultation with other contracting states". To seek that solution in default of a radical restructuring of the CAP, to sit round the table with our partners, not in a spairir of recrimination or hostility but in amity and understanding, is surely better than to seek to continue nominal membership on a basis of sham or evasion of the law. There would then remain, in my words to the House of Commons. There would then remain, in my words to the House of Commons, "those various possible forms of friendship and meaningful association with our European friends that some of us put forward 10 years ago and indeed, 20 years ago, as the alternative to membership of the REC."

It is to be hoped that after eight It is to be hoped that arrar eight years of conscientious endeavour to assist the working of the Community it will not come to this, it is to be hoped that reason will prevail, and the Community will accept the claracase for rationalisation of the CAP and the Budget. But it is well to be prepared with as clear and correct an analysis of the position as we can achieve. we can achieve. I am. Sir. your obedient servent, DEREK WALKER-SMITH,

2 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4. March 26.

Wiener Library move

From Mr Richard Bessel and others. Sir, We are dismayed at the recent announcement that the Wiener Library has decided to move from London to Tel Aviv. This unique collection of contemporary ephemera, documents, rare and ent and antisemitism has had its home for some 40 years in London as a refugee from the very perse During this time, it has been of arrepiscashle amportance to thousands of researchers and historiens, including most of the sig-nutories to this letter. Without it, the current vigorous state of re-search in this country into the history of National Socialism would be untishable. Most iniportantly, we cannot believe that the library will be as beneficial when it is removed to Tel Aviv, distant as it will then be from the natural centres of research in the European national archives and Horaries. We are told that about half of the material will be microfilmed for use in London; but we are not told which half, nor: why London cannot remain as the base for the intact library, with the microfilm going to Tel Aviv.

We are also disturbed at the manner in which this news was made public, and by the claim that has forced this move on the thrary. The majoray of us—past and present users of the borary—had no firm knowledge of the decision until it was publicised in the press. Keither as individuals nor as representatives of scholarly institutions were we approached by the library with any appeal for financial help or for aid in secting the institutional base of the library in this country. The director of the library speaks of the "indifference" which he claims to have met in his search for assistance; but it is he who has left us in ignorance. Yours, esc,

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North Sea oil stock From Mr Samuel Britain and Mr

Barro Riley Sir, Your correspondent David Blake's comment (Business News, March 19) that our proposed North Sea stock "presumably would be worth cash" may leave your readers in some doubt as to the nature of our scheme, which was first outlined in full in the Lloyds Bank Review of April, 1976. Without going into a lengthy description, we should simply like to confirm that the stock would certainly be worth rash in the hands of each citiworth cash in the hands of each citi zen, both in the sense that dividends would be paid our each year repre-senting each individual's share of oil tax and royalty revenues, and also in the sense that each certificate would carry a substantial stock market value which could be realized if the individual so wished.

so that the Exchequer would get its share according to the average marginal level of income (and

capital gains) texes, not to mention

taxes on spending.

Mr Blake seems to think that it would be an odd thing to do to hand a further "windfall bonus" to the personal sector. By implication it would not be odd to leave such a windfall bonus with the defence of these islands. At a time when we are told that public sector. In fact the North Sea's oil reserves constitute a natural asset which belongs to the nation as a whole, and it is the most natural thing in the world that it should be distributed amongst the people. It is indeed rarely that an unowned asset appears which can be distributed without the expro-priation or dilution of existing wealth, and this is an opportunity we should not miss. Meantime, our propue. It is indeed rately that the heme would by no means leave the Government empty-handed. We propose that the income would be taxable in the hands of individuals,

J. L. T. DAVIES, 12 Ducketts Mead, It is true, of course, that the impact of the North Sea speck on

Olympic Association's Moscow decision From Lord Harris of High Cross and Lord Harris of Greenwich

Sir, Our Olympic athletes are eager to demonstrate their complete inde-pendence from politics. Might we therefore hope they will now want to join us in pressing for an immedi-ate and substantial reduction in the £15m state subsidies to sport? A proportion of these savings could then be made available to help Afghanistan refugees. Yours faithfully,

HARRIS OF HIGH CROSS. HARRIS OF GREENWICH, House of Lords. March 25.

From Mr T. M. Stockdale From Mr T. M. Stockdale
Sir, The British Olympic Association
has voted to go to Moscow. They
need money. I suggest a competition. Let each entrant imagine himself in the smoking ruins of an
Afghan village, destroyed by Russian shells. He is confronted by a
mother carrying the body of her
dead child. She asks him why, when
free to choose, he chose to provide
support for the hand behind the
gun. Let the competition be for the
twost convincing reply. most convincing reply. Yours faithfully, T. M. STOCKDALE, 24 Old Buildings. Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

March 26 Sir, Anyone who has taken part in international bockey festivals, or who has lived in an Olympic Village, or been part of that informal jamboree in the stadium which concludes each Olympic Games, knows that sport does "build bridges" between people of different nations; and surely none would dissent from Sir Denia Follows's expression of the sentiments of the British Olympic Association (report, March 26) that "sport should be a bridge and not a destroyer". Likewise few would disagree that politics should be kept out of sport, and many for this reason deplore the somewhat ham-fisted intervention of the present Government. Unhappily politics and sport are From Mr Denys Carnill

Unhappily politics and sport are not always separate. While the visit of the Appleby-Frodingham Hockey Club to France would not be univer-sally considered an endorsement of the French Government's stritude to the common agricultural policy, the visit of the British Lions to South Africa is taken by many to be a ratit endorsement of South Africa's policies, and undoubtedly the Russian Government would portray Western athletes' involvement in the Olympic Games as something other than wholesale condemnation of Russian policy in Afghanistan or her pre-Olympic treatment of dissi-

It is right that the dilemma should be resolved by individual athletes or, in team games, by the sports bodies representing them; but with this freedom to choose goes the obligation to choose responsibly. The sports administrator or athlete

who is blinkered by self-interest or who naively thinks that the Olym-pics of, say, 1936 or 1980 can be separated from the political climate separated from the political climate of the time is not acting responsibly. If in his judgment the "bridge building" attitudes normally exemplified in the Olympic Village weigh heavier in his scales than condoming tyranny, then let him go. I for the am glad that no hockey player will be going with him.

Yours faithfully. DENYS CARNILL

74 Bournside Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Lady Burton of Coventry Sir, I hope that I am only one of many with a lifelong interest and participation in sport who regist the decision reached by the British Olympic Association.

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This seems to me a most grievous This seems to me a most grievous error of judgment and, while understanding to the full the effort fut in over many years by our would be participants at the Games. I wonder what any winners will feel like standing on the podium at Moscow. Yours faithfully, BURTON OF COVENTRY. House of Lords.

From Dr D. M. Palliser

Sir, Your report of the arrest of yet another brave Estonian, for opposition to the Olympic Games (March 19) is a reminder of an objection to those games which has received too little publicity.

Most protests have concentrated on the location of the main events in Moscow, but the yachting events are to be held in the Estonian capital of Tallina. Since Estonian together with its neighbours Larria and Lithusnia was occupied and annexed by the USSR in 1940, an annexation which has been accepted de facto but not recognized by the British and American Governments, there is surely a special reason why our athleres should refuse to compete at Tallina. pete at Tailinn.

pete at Tallium.

We cannot question the right of a Soviet government to act as most to games in its own capital, shough we may well wish to refuse to take part, but for it to hold games in the capital of another occupied suits in inclusion. is intolerable. Yours faithfully,

DAVID PALLISER, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Birmingham, PO Box 363, Birmingham.

From Mr S. O. D. Wade Sir. Doubtless the British Olymphi Association will now reprimend the Afghan football team for inwodice righting bottom tend to ing politics into sport, Yours faithfully, SHAMUS O. D. WADE, 37 Davis Road,

Human rights in Britain

Promiser R.C. Oslay Sir, Like Paul-Sleghart (March 20) I hope that Fred Silvestar's article (Human Rights: a question of bal-ance, March 17) does not reflect the Government's intentions towards the European Convention on Human Rights and its institutions, since hi proposal that, from January, 1981, Britain should end the right of individual penition strikes at the very core of that system.

He says that the rights set out in the Convention are not sternal and absolute truths"; but which Government should no longer re-gard itself as obliged to respect? He cleims that human rights in cleans that human rights in Western Europe would not be diminished if the institutions were abolished; a case concerning Austria, where criminal appeals had been held in camera without the accused being represented, and where the Austrian Government modified as appeals system to bring it into line with the convention, testifies to the opposite.

He does not, moreover, mention the right to humane treatment, a point on which British has been Northern Ireland. Does he went a system in which Britain is free without limit to mistrest detainess the Government deams expedient?

xpedient? Mr Silvester thanks "this ideal Mr Silvester thinks "this ideal has gone wrong". Why then does he not suggest positive remedies? Or is it that he objects to the ideal itself? Thirteen other European countries have, with Britsin, accipted the principle that there should be international scruting of the dry they treat their own citizens. (Sixteen other countries have accepted this principle in respect of the United Nation's Convention on Civil and Political Rights.) Does he want and Political Rights.) Does he want to give the impression that our record on respect for human rights is less defensible than any of these? Yours faithfully, RODERICK C. OGLEY,

4 Kinz Henry's Road. Solitana March 20.

Local government staffing From Mr Keith Salter

Sir, Michael Heseltine's comments on Redbridge Council's staffing levels (The Times, March 25) reminds me of the old quotation "Jies, damaed lies and statistics". Our increase has been only on service staff and that in 1979 was 30. The statistics on which Mr Reseltine's comments were based can be interpreted in many ways and

this shortcoming. Our " big increase " does not exist where part-timers, who worked an hour or two more than usual in the week of the return, became technic-

his use of them has not recognised

" full-timers". Mr Heseltine was rightly making a point on profligacy. Fortunately it does not apply to us—me run a very Yours faithfully,

KEITH SALTER. Leader of the Council, Town Hall. 128-142 High Road, March 26.

Symptoms of decline

From Mrs Gladys Rossiter Sir, In reply to Shaikh Muharak Ahmad's letter published coday (March 25) enricled "Symptoms of decline": extelling the virtues of the Muslim religion, he mates that "the real invisibly is the serious decline in moral and spiritual radies which is observable not only in this country but all through the West." May one ask whether a religion permitting the holding of months or the cutting off of hands for perty isrceny is superior? Surely humaneness is the true criterion of a nation. Yours faithfully, G. ROSSITER, 15 Prince Edward Mansions, Pembridge Square, W2, March 25.

Fixing child benefits

From the Roverend A. G. Bellier Sir, Had tax allowances for children not been merged with family allow-ances, it is doubtful whether the Government would contemplate reducing their real value. A subtle psychological shift has asken place. Children are to be cleared with the psychological shift has relean place. Children are to be classed with the Children are to be classed with the unfortunate, deserving of our charity in times of prosperity but targets for economy in times of austerity. Surely this is unsupportable to the politics of left or right? Until now texation has not been levied on the individual without regard to the family. This is a matter of justice, not welfare, and principles which have served us well should not lightly be abandoned. fours sincerely GRAHAM HELLIER. A. GRAHAM DELIVE, 27 Dormington Drive,

Arsonists in Wales

From Miss Jan Morris Sir, "There are right and wrong ways of seeking solutions", says Lord Hylton (March 25) in his lordly way about the problems of the Welsh identity. Unfortunately there is only one way of arousing the great British public to the slightest interest in the future of the Weish language and culturebreaking the law.

When did The Times last have an editorial in support of the fight for Welshness, surely one of the noblest and most fascinating social struggles of our time? Today we have a Secretary of State for Weles who hasn't even bothered to learn the Welsh language: no wonder our young parriots defy the law, and no wonder so many of their.
respectable clders secretly, and perhaps enviously, sympathize with

Yours faithfully, JAN MORRIS, Trefan Morys, Llanystumdwy, Gwyrredd.

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n clearly is required. Iraq the United States Governo be a country which international terrorism. In ted States, that means that e Secretaries of State and ce must notify Congress approving export licenses to orth over \$7m, if such significantly contribute to

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o support terrorism. then, are the hard relating to Iraq, a country upports international terrorubs Britain's Foreign Secre-ies British businessmen in sentences them to brutal terms, and in general fla-violates the norms of

tional behaviour. however, is the Governresponse to these harsh The Foreign Office still conroutinely to process and cicate negative certificates of origin at Iraq's insistence, and continues to facilitate Iraq's boy-cott of British firms trading with Israel. To say the very least, this is not a policy which enhances the prestige of the British Government. It should be changed—and

Yours faithfulg, EYERS. House of Lords. March 20.

Lowering the Bag

From Mr F. G. Katz Sir, At the end of this mouth, the British Consulate general in Roster-dam will interocably close its doors, after having served British interests for near 67 years. We are told that the ave has fallen to seve taxpayer's

While there might well have been good grounds for reducing the size of the consular staff in Rotterdam as a matter of economy, it is difficult to fathom why the Union Jack should be struck in the biggest port in the world when lesser nations consider it essential to be represented in this maritime city by their own consular officials.

We the British residents living in or near Rotterdam, many of who mwork in the shipping, chemical and food industries, to name just a few, and, thereby contributing in no small measures to the Anglo-Netherlands economy, feel let down and abandoned by our own side whereas the Dutch business community level headed and anglophile to a man-are unanimous in their opinion that to-withdraw our Consular general from Rotterdam is a move in the wrong

Is it too late to make those gentle-men who tread the corridors of power in Whitehall realize that they are spoiling the ship for a ha'p'orth of tar. -Yours sincerely, F. G. KATZ, Vlaardingen, PO Box 230,

March-21.

London medical schools

DYO.

Sir, The Flowers report gives two arguments for destroying the excel-lent and thriving medical school at the Westminster Hospital, whose

institution rather than in a hospital

think again.

P. A. MERTON. College). D. H. M. WOOLLAM, (Emmanuel

Yours faithfully.

G. H. WRIGHT, (Clare College), JAMES FITZSIMONS, (Gonville and Carus College). Trinity College, March 20L

the personal sector's income and wealth would make it necessary for the Government to think care-fully about monetary, fiscal and exchange rate policies. But this, as the rest of Mr Blake's article makes clear, is not unique to our scheme.

SAMITEL BRITTAN. BARRY RILEY. The Financial Times, Bracken House, 10 Cannon Street, EC4. March 21.

Channel tunnel risk

From Mr J. L. T. Davies

Sir, I hope I am not alone in being surprised that in recent comments in the press concerning the Channel tunnel no mention has been made of the strategic nature of this project and its implications for the

our military preparedness is well below that required for defence against a conventional attack, it seems an incredible folly that we should seriously contemplate reducing the effectiveness of this barrier this way. We are now very close the fortieth antiversally when this stretch of water was all, or nearly all, that stood between us and defeat and occupation.

I could perhape be consoled by the thought that a project of this magnitude will be so plagued by strikes that it might take 20 years to complete but I suspect that the country's enemies will ensure it is available, should they need it, long before then. Yours faithfully



For hooming

Mr D. J. M. Janner and Miss S. A. Delmonte

Mr P. M. Bennett and Miss R. H. M. Bird

marriages

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 27: The Queen this morning visited St Paul's Church, Deptford to mark the 250th Anni-persary of its Consecration. Wersary of its Consecration.

Having been received upon affrival by the Major of Lewisham (Councillor John Eailey), the Eishop of Southwark and the Esshop of Woolwich, Her Majesty Stended a Service of Thankstoning and afterwards was escorted by the Rector (Canon David Clamond) to a Reception in the Crypt for church and community Porkers.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr Aviliam Reseltine and Lieutenaut-Commander Robert Guy, RN, were

The Duke of Edinburgh, as a spresident, this morning attended at Meeting of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee at Bucking-ham Palace.

ham Palace.

"His Royal Highness, as Visitor of Newtham College, Cambridge, this afternoon attended a Concert In ald of the College Music Appeal and, as Chancellor, visited the University of Cambridge, Afterwards The Duke of Edinburgh opened the new Magistrates' Courts, where His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridge-shire (Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon P. E. Brassey), and later visited the City Library in Cambridge.

The Duke of Edinburgh was The Duke of Edinburgh was present this evening at a Reception in the University for the opening of the 1980 Königswinger

Conference.

: His Royal Highness, attended by Whing Commander Antony Nicholson, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. The Prince of Wales this more ine opened an exhibition entitled "War" at the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, SE1. His Royal Highness, President, he Royal Smithfield Club, was present at a Club Luncheon and Council Meeting at Butchers' Hall, Bartholomew Close, EC1. Captain Anthony Asquith was in

The Prince of Wales, as Patron, this creating attended an informal reception to meet the Council of the African Medical Research Foundation (UK) at Hoares Bank, Fleet Street. EC4. The Hon Edward Adeanc was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 27: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother this afternoon
risited the Mayflower Family
Centre in Caucing Town and
opened the new Youth Centre.

The Lady Elizabeth Basset and
Captain Jeremy MainwaringBirton were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
Murch 27: The Duke of Kent,
Aresident of the Royal National
Life Boat Institution, this morning attended the Aleeting of the Committee of Management at the Marine Society, Lambeth Road,

SEI.

His Royal Highness was present this evening at the Thames Valley Sentor Police Officers' Dinner which was held at the Officers' Aless. Sulhamstead. Berkshire.

Lieutenant Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

Queen Ingrid of Denmark cele-brates her birthday today. A solumn requiem Mass for Mgr piscar Arnuto Romero, Arch-bishop of San Salvador, will take place in Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday, April 2, at 5.30 pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westnibster. The funeral of Lord Pannell will

take place on Tuesday, April 1, at noon at Eitham Crematorium.

Birthdays today

The Right Rev Dr C. K. N. Bards-icy, 73; Mr Dirk Bogarde, 59; Marjorle Coumess of Brecknock, 80; Sir John Butterfield, 60; Mr Robert Harris, 80; Dame Flora Robson, 78; Lord Justice Stephen-Berkhamsted School

for Girls

The Governors of Berkhamsted School for Girls, Hertfordslife, have appointed Miss V. E. M. Shepherd, at present Senior House mistress at Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe, Bucking-lamishire, to be Headmistress of Berkhamsted School for Girls from September 1, 1980.

Council of Engineering Institutions The twenty-fourth Graham Clark

The twenty-fourth Graham Clark Lecture was given last night by Sir Frederick Page. Chairman and Chief Executive (Afteraft Group), British Aerospace, at the lastitution of Civil Engineers. Sir Frederick took as the title of his lecture "Towards a New Industrial Revolution". He was later satertained at dinner by Dr P. A. Aliaway, Chairman of the Council of Engineering Institutions, and officers of the Louvell. officers of the courcil.

University news

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Today's engagements

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Manchester UMIST

Dr Paul Broda has been appointed the first Professor of Applied Molecular Biology.

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Transport Museum at Covent Garden, 2.30; attends Royal Ale Force anniversary concert in aid of RAF Benevolent Fund at Festival Hall, 7.45, Lucil Mayor attends United Guilde Service, St Paul's cathedral, 12. Exhibitions: The Vikings, British fellows at Apothecaries' Hall, Muscum. 10.5; A head in foshion, millinery by Mine Rose Princess Anne opens London Vermer, Muscum of London.

Mr J. C. Levelock and Miss Z. V. Boriznd The engagement is announced be-tween Julian, younger son of Mr and Mrs P. T. Lovelock, of Battle, Sussex. and Zoë, daughter of Mr C. Borland and of Mrs I. Borland,

of London.

Mr N. S. Pantes and Miss S. A. Petric The engagement is amsounced between Nigel, elder son of Mr and Mrs Fergus Panton, of Paven-ham, Bedfordshire, and Sally Ann, younger daughter of the late Mr Charles Petrie and of Mrs Petrie, of Chester Le Street, co Durium.

Mr N. Parry-Williams

and Miss S. A. Deimonte
The engagement is announced
between Daniel Joseph Mitchell,
son of the Hon Greville Janner,
QC, MP, and Mrs Janner, of 2
Linnell Drive, London, NW11, and
Sandra Amelia, daughter of Mr
and Mrs Harry Delmonte, of 43
Draycott Avenuc, Kenton, Harrow,
Middlessy. Mr N. Parry-Williams and Miss P. Flintham
The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of Mrs Joan Parry-Williams and the late Rev A. W. Parry-Williams, of the Cathedral Close, Lichfield, Staffordshire, and Penelope, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Flintham, of the Old Vicarage, Caldecott, Ruyland. Lieutenant D. G. Phillips, RN and Miss J. K. P. Gough and Miss K. H. M. Bird

The engagement is amounced between Philip Mabley, younger son of Mr and Mrs Denis Bennett, of The Old Forge, Chart, Surrey, and Rhoda Henrietta Margueritz, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Bird, of Falkeners, Bramshott, Liphook, Hampshire.

The engagement is announce to engagement is annument between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Phillips, of Fleet, Rampshire, and Julia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Gough, of 15A The Little Boltons, London, SW10.

Mr A. D. L. Stebbings and Miss A. O. D. Gates and miss a. O. D. Gales The engagement is aunounced between Adam, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Stebbings, of Wapping Pierhead, London, and Alice, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Logan Gates, of Baveningham, Norfolk.

Mr A. J. Burr and Miss M. Hanion The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jeffery C. Burr, of The White Lodge, Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey, and Maureen, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Edward Hanion, of Templeogue, near Dublin, Republic of Ireland. Marriages Mr G. A. Escott and Miss R. M. Webb The engagement is announced between Garth, elder son of Me and Mrs Henry Escott, of Tawa. New Zenland, and Rosemary, elder daugliter of the late Dr Brian Webb and Mrs M. Webb, of Tawa.

Mr J. D. W. Eirts and Mrs S. McCarthy The marriage took place yesterday quietly in London of Mr John Donald Watkins Birts and Mrs Patricia Noel McCarthy, widow of Stuart McCarthy.

Mr J. P. V. Hunt and Mrs P. G. Cooper and Mrs P. G. Cooper
The marriage took place quietly
in Kensington on March 27
between Mr John Peier Vernon
Hunt, only son of the late Mr
John Yardiey Vernon Hunt and
of Mrs Margaret Hunt, of Jersey,
Channel Islands, and Mrs Penelope
Gale Cooper (nee Ratsey), of 20
Onslow Square, London, SW7.

Mr C. N. A. Contennes Mr C. N. A. Castleman and Miss C. C. Westcott

The marriage took place on March
13 in Kingsmead College Chapel,
Johannesburg, between Mr
Christopher Castleman and Miss
Caroline Westrott. The bride was
attended by Miss Amanda Castleman and Miss Lyane Westrott.
Mr Patrick Enthoven was best

Middle Temple charity ball

Mr J. B. Hinwood and Mrs P. A. Secunda

and Mrs P. A. Secunda
The engagement is abnounced and
the marriage will take place in
Florida between Julian, elder son
of Mr B. Hipwood, of Cam,
Gloucestershire, and Mrs Marion
Sharpe, of Minchinhampton, Gloucestersière, and Patricia, elder
daughter of the late Mr Neal
McRoberts and Mrs Augusta
McRoberts, of Ashwell, Rutland.

Mr T. V. Holroyde
and Miss M. E. Stone
The engagement is announced between Timothy only son of Mr and
Mrs F. Holroyde, of Neston, Wirral, and Miranda, only daughter
of Mr and Mrs A. J. Stone, of
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Oueen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is pairon of the Middle Temple Charity Ball, to be held on Friday, June 27, in aid of the Save the Children Fund, Help a London Child and the Barristers Benevolent Fund. Lord Justice Roskill is president of the ball and the vice-presidents are Lord Denning and Sir Jules Thorn.

Prof Horlock to head Open University



Professor John Horlock By Our Education

Correspondent
Continuing education engineers, scientists and other professionals who need their methods to be modernized periodically is likely to get consideration at the Open University of the control of sity after the appointment, announced yesterday, of Professor John Horlock as its new vice-chancellor. He is vice-chancellor of Salford University.

Professor Horlock, who is a

mechanical engineer, said that while serving as a member of the Finniston committee of inquiry into the engineering profession, he became convinced of the importance of continuing education, particularly for en-gineers and scientists in indus

He is also very interested in the suggestion made two months ago by Mr James Prior, Secre-tary of State for Employment, for an "Open Tech" to provide part-time courses for adults at a non-advanced technician level-Professor Horlock, who is 51, will take up his post at the Open University on January 1 next. He succeeds Lord Perry, the university's first vice-chan-

Dinner

Lady Mayorese
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress last night entertained at
dinner at the Mansion House the
Masters, Prime Wardens and
Upper Bailiff of City Livery Companies and their ladies, Aldermen
Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner,
some members of the Court of
Common Council and high officers
of the corporation and their ladies,
The speakers were the Lord
Mayor, the Master of the Mercers'
Company and the Master of the
Grocers' Company. The other
quests included: Grocers' Company. The other guests included:
Six Robert and Lady Bellingor. Six Gilbert and Lady Relingor. Six Gilbert and Lady Inglerick, Sr Hope-cheeker and the Stancilline. The Masser of Washer and Mistress Guiller of the Company of Cuttlers in Hallanustry. The President of the Law Society and Mrs Stebbings. Mr and Mrs Micel Carriwright, Mr Uno Engaren, Mise Caroline Gadsden, Mise Sizabeth Gadsden, Mr Anthopy Grant, MP, and Mrs Grant, Mr and Mrs McChael Hope, Mr and Mrs Beeck Kemp.

Service dinner 71st (Yeomanry) Signal Regiment

Officers of 71st (Yeomany) Signal Regiment (Volunteers) held their annual regimental dinner at Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn on Wed. nesday. The guest of honour was Mr Barney Hayhoe, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for State (Army), who addressed the officers after dinner. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. Brown, presided The Reporter Colonel Lieutenant Colonel C. A. Brown, presided. The Honorary Colonel, Major-General J. M. Sawers, was present. Other guests were Lord Chelmer, Brigadier A. L. Dowell, Brigadier N. A. Butler, Colonel G. D. Thompson, Colonel P. M. B. Sutcliffe. Colonel H. E. Maitby, Colonel P. S. Davis, Colonel P. R. Davies and Major L. R. J. Tilson.

Sale Room Correspondent

Aima-Tadema made market history yesterday when a richly inlaid and painted piano of his design made \$390,000, or £177,273, at a Sotheby auction in New York.

That is the highest auction price on record for any musical instrument, including all those early and mellifluous Stradivari violins, as well as the highest auction price for any nineteenth-century example of the applied arts. In the fine art field it has been beaten by the occasional Monet and Renoir, but not by many.

not by many.

The piano was part of the music room whose design was commissioned in 1884 from Alma-Tadema by Henry Gordon Marquand, an

art connoisseur and second presi-dent of the Metropolitan Museum-of Art in New York. The case, in sandalwood and ebony, is inlaid with cedar and boxwood, encrusted

with cedar and boxwood, encusted with frory, coral and mother-of-pearl; the keyboard is surmounted by a pacinted panel of "The wandering minsurels" by Edward Poynter.

The Furniture Gazette of 1887 called it "one of the most superb specimens of elaborately artistic

department of orthoposedic and actident suggesty for work on an evaluation of different types of articular cartilage allostalis and sonografis in human and minial loint surjaces. Littlewoods Organisation, Litterpool Daily Post and Echo, Ocean Trun, port and Trading Co. Ltd. Picescy Telecommunications. United Biscuits and Vortons Pools: 262,651 to Processor R. Shields and Mr V. D. Correc, department of surgery, and Processor C. M. Whitchouse, department of adjoingnous. In support of a bitasi acreening service.

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Appointments

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10-5: Easter egg-travanta.
Barkers. Kensington High
Street, 9-5.30.
London Walk. An instoric London pub walk. Covent Garden,
meet Embankment Station, 7-30.
Buth Spring Antiques, 7-31.

Assembly Rooms, Bennett Street, 11-8. Southern gardens show, Brighton

Appointments.

Aims-Tadems made market history

The Prince of Wales, chairman of the Mountbatten Memorial Trust, with Countess

Mountbatten of Burma, at Buckingham Palace to launch the certificate of contribution

Mountbatten memorial venture

Conribution

The trust intends to follow Earl
Mountbatten of Burma's principal
Interests, and will include in its
objectives the promotion and support of the United World Colleges,
and sponsorship of technological
research aimed at assisting handicapped and distressed people at
home and abroad.

Reservence making a contribution. Everyone making a contribution, no matter how large or small, will receive the certificate. All branches of the clearing banks will accept contributions to the trust from Andl &

April 8.

It was considered essential that the trust should reflect Lord Mounthatten's interests and the work he did. United World Colleges and technological research were chosen as two of the most pricede course. were chosen as industria causes.

The zims of the United World Colleges project are to establish a chain of international schools

The Moumbatten Memorial Trust throughout the world in which marks the official announcement boys and girls aged between 16 of its objectives with the launch this week of the Certificate of contribution.

The trust intends to follow Rari through educations. international through education.

An essential element is that the majority of students should enter with two-year scholarships awarded on merit alone. When Lord Mountainen have the control of the control batten became the project's first international president there was only one college, the United World College of the Arlanic, at St Donar's Castle on the coast of South Wales.

South Wales.

Since then two more have been stablished.

Emphasis is given to community service activities in order to develop in the students, whatever their nationality, a sense of service to the society in which they live.

Lord Mountbatten was also much concerned with technology.

On June 28, 1978, he delivered the first Mountbatten Lecture at the Royal Institution in his capacity as president of the National Electronics Council,

which he founded in 1964. In it he said: "Conscious neglect of rechnical ability, especially when it applies to relieving human surfering, is a sin against humanity."

inmanity."

It is for this reason that the trustees have also decided to support technological research aimed at assisting bandicapped and distressed people at home and abroad. The scope and depth of this support will depend very much on the amount of money mined.

The following have agreed to join members of the Mountbatten family as trustees of the Mountbatten Memorial Trust: The Right Rev the Lord Coggan, Cardinal Hume, Admiral für Henry Leach (ex-officio as First Sea Lord): Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, and Professor Zuckerman.

The offices of the reput have

The offices of the trust have been established in Lord Mount-batten's former home. 2 Kinnerton Street, London, SWI, under the directorship of Mr John Barratt, who was for many years Lord Mountbatten's private secretary.

Science report

Climatology: American research plan From Clive Cookson of The Times perature by several degrees, be5 To improve the generation and displace Education Supplement cause of the famous "greenhouse dissemination of information about

Washington
The United State Government

The United State Government is in the final stages of preparing its first National Climate Programme. It is a five-year plan that will guide the expenditure of \$120m (254.5m) a year on climate research by several different federal agencies, Although the programme has not yet received final approval from the participating agencies or from the White House, it was unveiled on March 25 before a new Nacional Climate Programme Advisory Committee.

An earlier preliminary version.

Advisory Committee.

An earlier preliminary version, circulated last year, has been widely criticized for its vagueness, but it has since been rewritten to bring the priorities into sharper focus. The programme has six "orincipal thrusts": "principal thrusts":

1. To assess the climatic impact of the increasing concentration of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere, caused mainly by the burning of fossil fuels, and to develop a series of policy options for counteracting or adapting to the changes.

the changes.

According to some projections, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will double before the middle of the next century. That may raise the average tem-Alma-Tadema piano makes £177,273

workmanship it has ever been our good fortune to see ". It was bought by a New York private

revealed.

The sale also included a pair of ebody and cedar chairs from the same exotic music room, of vaguely classical design and encrusted with ivory, abony and mother-of-pearl scrolls ending in flowerheads.

mother-of-pearl scrolls ending in flowerheads.

The chairs were bought for \$34,000, or £15,455, by three London dealers acting in partnership, the Fine Art Society, Haslam and Whiteway and Blairmans; they are to be shipped back to Britain, and one has already been bought by the Victoria and Albert Muteum.

There were two other late from

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There were two other lots from the music room for sale. A pair of ebony and cedar love seats made \$9,000, or \$4,090. The auction of Victoriana realized £748,720, with 9 per cent, or 101 lots, unsold.

Sotheby's also held a sale of Art Nouveau and Deco on Wednesday, totalling £220,459, with 9 per cent unsold. A Webb cameo glass vase brought the top price of the day at \$35,000 (estimate \$30,000-\$40,000). or £15,909 selling

Sir Cecil Mead, of East Molesey, Surrey, one of the founders of the British computer industry, left 5242,281 net.

Mrs Mary Ellen Powell, of Worcester, who left £20,385 net, bequeathed all her property to the Spastics Society.

Other estates include (net. before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

General K. L. Tallman, USAF Superintendent of the United States Air Force Air Academy.

Colorado Springs, was reviewing officer yesterday when 65 officers of No 41 Initial Officer Training Course graduated from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell.

The sword of merit was awarded to Flying Officer M. C. Taberham,

to Figure Officer Al. C. Tabertam, of the general duties pilot branch. The sash of merit went to Pilot Officer J. A. Davies, WRAF, of the general duties aircraft control branch, and the Hennessy and Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize was won by Figure Officer P. L. Weller, of the education branch.

The following officers gradu-

Graduations from

Cranwell

a pub walk. Covent Garden, 7-30. Cameral duther hearth (allots): Fixing Spring Antiques Fair, sembly Rooms, Bennett (11-8. K. Fowler, J. N. M. 1914, J. L. McLeod, N. D. Pollock, D. N. Scott, 11-8. Carbon, Photo Officers B. S. Adams, R. W. Page, D. Roberton, Photo Photo Photos B. S. Adams, R. W. Page, D. Roberton, Photos B. S. Adams, R. W. Page, D. Roberton, Photos B. S. A. Nesten, J. W. Worath, P. W. Disney, C. M. Goss, S. M. Benten, L. E. D. Jackson, S. M.

Latest wills

collector revealed.

effect " (the carbon dioxide absorbs infrared radiation that would otherwise escape into space.
However, some scientists suggest that the warming would soon be belianced by counter-effects; for example, significant melting of the Antarctic (see cap could trigger a marked cooling trend. Anarche (se cap could irigger a marked cooling trend.

2. To assess the effects of climatic fluctuations and extreme weather conditions on world food production. Particular emphasis will be given to research into the biological response of livestock and

fisheries to changes in the climate.
3. To clarify the processes by which the Earth and its atmosphere gain and lose radiant energy from the Sun, and to learn more about the relationship between adout the relationship between solar variations and climatic fluctuations. A key element in that thrust is the lauching of an "Earth radiation budget experimental satellite" by Nasa (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) in 1983.

4. To increase knowledge of the oceans' role in climate. Remarkably little is known about heat storage and transport in the oceans, and large-scale measure-ments of ocean currents and tem-

to Naples, a dealer from Florida. It is decorated by George Woodcock, with a cupld on a grassy mound in white and blue grey on a sapphire-blue background.

At Christic's in London yesterday a chair in the form of a seated skeleton proved the auction-stopper. It is slightly more than death-size in carved wood painted bone colour and was made in Russia in 1836. Christic's had guessed that the gruesome joke

guessed that the gruesome joke night be worth about £800.£1,000 hut it was bid to £15,000 by R. Riley.

The market in middle range Con-

The market in middle range Continental furniture seemed to have perked up from its rather depressed state at the end of last year, according to Christie's.

Sotheby's second division impressionist and modern palatings and sculpture yesterday proved more difficult to sell than the top quality frems offered the day before. It totalled £452.580, with 24 per cent, or 30 lots, unsoid. A silver sale at Lawrence's of Crewkerne yesterday recorded

Crewkerne yesterday recorded notably high prices for table services. A very large one-made in the 1860s by George Adams had been split into several lots and totalled £7,520:

Musgrove, Mr John Bennett Hugh, of Westminster, laryagologist, £322,684.

Van Moppes, Mr Nicholas Lee,

of Long Sutton, Basingstoke, £169,894.

Northcott, Mrs Ada Mary, of Liphook. Hants, 5276,079. Porter, Mrs Dorls Studholme, of Sutton Courtenay, Oxon, 5211,038. Jarvis, Mr Albert Charles, of Reading, £129,455.

dissemination of information about the climate in the United States. The supply of data from federal and state agencies and independent experts will be coordinated better, and the flow of information to users will be accelerated.

To increase the accuracy of mouthly, seasonal and yearly climate predictions (periods shorter than a mouth count as weather forecasting, which is not included in the national climate plan). plan).
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The first of a series of expenimental comments forecast centures will be designated this year. Climate outlooks for the United States will be published in more detail and "expressed in probability terms" from next year.

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In addition to the air principal thrusts, the pinn includes 13 "areas of programme concern", activities that will not receive such high priority but will nevertheless be funded over the next five years. They include, for example, studies of deserts and of the factors that have changed the Earth's climate in the past.

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through the World Climate Programme is "a major espect of the National Climate Programme", the planning document says.

Latest appointments

Mr J. M. O. Snodgrass has been appointed Ambassador to Zaire, succeeding Mr A. E. Donald. Other appointments include:
Sir John Lawrence, Sir Hugh Mackay-Talack, Sir Cyril Pickard, Viottarut Coursel. Mackay-Talack, Sir Cyril Pickard,
Licutenant-General Sir John
Worsley and Mr B. C. Bloomfield
to be racmbers of the council of
the British Association for
Cemeteries in South Asia.
Mrs Betty Knightly has been
clected a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial
Lawyers.

Lawyers.
The Rev Peter Spencer Dawes, vicer of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Romford, to be Arch-deacon of West Ham in succession to the Ven John Bernard Taylor, Bishop-designate of St Albans.

25 years ago

France ratifies

France ratifles
From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, March 27.—In the early
hours of this morning the Council
of the Republic approved by large
majorities the ratification of the
London and Paris agreements
after rejecting all proposals for
amendment or delay. There now
remains no tegal obstacle to the
signature of the instruments of
ratification by the President of
the Republic. The voting on the
different agreements, which came
at the end of more than 40 hours
debate, was as follows:

1. Western European Ur'.—. 1. Western European Ur' -- 184 votes to 110.

2. Ending of the Germ ... pation statute: 234 to 75. 3. Entry of Western Germany into Nato: 200 to 114.

4. Franco-German agreement on the Saar: 217 to 92.

Senior Royal Air Force appointments The following senior Royal Air force appointments and promotions are announced:

Air Vice-Marshal C. E. Ness. director general, RAF personnel management, to be Air Member for Personnel from May 3, with the acting rank of air marshal, succeeding Air Marshal Sir John Cimolic Gingell. Air Vice-Marshal D. B. Craig,

Air Vice-Marshal D. B. Craig, Air Officer Commanding No 1 Group, to be Vice-Chief of the Air Staff from May 3 with the acting rank of air marshal, succeeding Air Marshal Sir John Nicholis. Air Vice-Marshal J. B. Curtisa

Air Vice-Marshal J. B. Curtiss, Air Officer Commanding, HO Command. Staff Training and commandam of the RAF Staff Cofficer Commanding No 18 Group from May 10, with the acting rank of air marshal succeeding Air Marshal Sir Philip Lageson.

MAJ-GEN B. A. COAD British role in Korean War

OBITUARY

Major-General B. A. Coad, the United Kingdom CB, CBE, DSO, DL, who companded the 27th Infantry Brigade, and manded the 27th Infantry Brigade in Korea during a crucial period in 1950-51, died of the following year with his Brigade to Fon March 26 at the age of 73.

Basil Aubrey Coad, was born at Portsmouth, on September 27, 1906. He was educated at Seistead School, Norfolk, and was commissioned in the Wiltshire Regiment from the Royal general public. The action of the next few months.

Military College, Sandhurst, on February 4, 1926. In less than a month he had embarked for India and at the end of Jenuary 1929 had arrived in Shanghai. In December of that year he was appointed DAPM Shanghai Area. His service in the Far East lasted until 1934 when he returned to the United Kingdom to become Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment. In January 1937 he was appointed Adjustit to the 4th Battalion.

Bartalion.

At the beginning of the Second World, War he was promoted acting Major and appointed as an instructor to 43 Division. In January 1941 he was appointed second in com-mand 2nd Battalion The Wilt-shire Regiment. In August of in March of 1951 and the following year he was an acting Lieurenant Colonel and mand of the 2nd lafar was commanding 43 Division Battle School, and at the begin-ning of 1943 he was given command of the 5th Dorsets. In October, 1944, Coad went

overseas to join the 21st Army Group as Commander of 130th Group as Commander of 130th Infantry Brigade with the rank of acting Colonel. Here he served with great distinction. His first DSO was gazetted on the 19th of that month; almost exactly a year later the bar to his DSO was gazetted. His first Divisional command came on January 28, 1946 when he was appointed Commander 43rd Infantry Division, BAOR, and promoted acting Major-General. Coad's subsequent commands

Coad's subsequent commands in BAOR included 130th Infantry Brigade, 2nd Wittshires, 30th Infantry Brigade, and for the second time, 2nd Wittshires. In August 1948 he returned to

the next few months change this when ir 1950 the 27th Infants was-ordered to Korea. an anxious time in th War. North Korean for launched a new offer were pressing hard on : Coad's brigade, parional servicemen no battle experient thrown straight in proved very severe alongside American tr conducted themselves operation with great a led throughout by C great ability. For his the campaign Coad pointed CBE and a warded the United

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ADMIRAL SIR HENRY McCATH In 1940 he cook cook in 1940 he more commine cruiser Dido, who present in some of the fighting in the Mediteand for his gallantry, seemanship during the to Maion of an import voy, in 1942, he was the DSO. Early in 1943 to Washiperus, see chief

Admiral Sir Henry W. U. McCall, KCVO, KBE, CB, DSO, who died on March 23 at the age of 84, had a distinguished career in the Navy and served throughout the two world wars. His name is chiefly associated, however, with the postwar tach-nique of preserving ships in reserve. When he assumed command of the Reserve Fleet in 1951 he found that maintenance was still largely on prewar lines.

Realizing that modern ships, with their complicated electrics and electronics needed newer methods for their efficient preservation, he devised a scheme whereby they were sealed up, and dry air passed through them to prevent deterioration, the hull and supper works being preserved by dockyard labour, a technique essentially similar to that used on reserve ships today. Realizing that modern ships, reserve ships today.

Henry William Urguhart Mc-Call, who was born on June 11, 1895, the son of Mr H. J. Mc-Call. He entered Osborne as a naval cadet in May. 1908. As a navai cadet in May, 1906. midshipman from January, 1913, he was in the cruiser Hyacinth, flagship at the Cape, until a year after war broke out in August, 1914. He then served as sub-lieutenant in the sloop Daffodil, and from November, 1916, was lieutenant and executive officer in the destroyers Nepean and Westcott in the Grand Fleet.

In October, 1932, he obtained his first seagoing command in the destroyer Achates in the Mary Leycester, and he daughters. sub-lieutement in the sloop Daffodil, and from November, 1916, was lieutenant and executive officer in the destroyers Nepean and Westcott in the

his first seagoing command in the destroyer Achates in the Mediterranean.

MISS C. J. WHITTINGTON

Miss Cicely Josa Whittington. 1966 would convey little CBE, JP, who was Director of she achieved. No difficuthe British Red Cross Society's too great, no individual Overseas Branches Department transigent for her to over-from 1947 to 1966, died on This applied particularly March 23 at the age of 73.

Joan Whittington joined the Berkshire Branch of the Society of her visit to Malaya in on leaving school, and was the outbreak of the me called up as a VAD on the outbreak of war in 1939, serving out to help in the resett in the Military Hospital at work in the new villages. Aldershot, and also at her home years later, when the Ma in Goring Heath, Oxford, which was taken over by the Red Cross as a convalescent home. In 1943 she was one of the and again, in Cyprus, sk six original Welfare Officers responsible for organism

posted to the Middle East, and later she was put in charge of the welfare work of the Red Cross and St John War Organi-sation in service hospitals attached to the 8th Army in the Western Desert, North Africa and Italy, where she visited regularly not only all the hospi-tals in the Command but also the casualty clearing stations in the forward areas. These journeys were often undertaken in hazardous conditions and at considerable personal risk. Later, as Assistant Red Cross activities Joan Whittington Commissioner to the Central Mediterranean Forces she was

responsible for starting the Red Cross Convalescent Homes in Italy, Sicily and subsequently in Austria. In 1947 she was appointed Director of the BRGS Advisory Committee on & Overseas Branches Department and in that year she paid the first of what was to prove a ciation.
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between the years 1948 and Honour, Class 1. MRS MARIA PONIKIEWSKA

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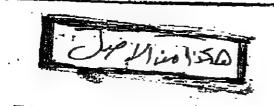
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dearer oil deliveries from Kuwait and Iran

Oil prices are being edged up again. Kuwait is charging a premium on its official price of \$27.50 a barrel for half the oil to be supplied in new, sharply reduced contracts to the multinational companies, and Iran plans to raise its official price by about \$2 a barrel from April 1.

Kuwait is reducing its pro-duction by 25 per cent from April I, and is cutting back its sales to the three main traditional contractors, Shell, British Petroleum and Gulf by a much greater percentage.

British Petroleum has tied up a deal for 150,000 barrels a day, only a third of its previous contract, with half believed to be at a premium of about \$3 on the official price. This brings the price to roughly the same level as Kuwait crude would command on the Rotterdam spot market. dam spot market.

Shell and Gulf are still negotiating, but both are bo-lieved to have been told that their basic contracts are to be cut back to 150,000 barrels a day, like BP. Shell's contract for 360,000 barrels a day, with an option of 40,000 barrels a day more or less should it wish day more or less, should it wish to very its take, does not of-ficially expire until September. Renegotiation, nevertheless, is taking place. Gulf has been taking up to 500,000 barrels a

yesterday. nclal Editor, page 21 Esso in £200m project to develop gas field

Esso plans to develop its first offshore field as operator after requesting permission of the Norwegian authorities to go ahead with a £200m scheme to produce gas from the marginal Odin field and export it to the United Kingdom.

United Kingdom.

In a further North sa development British Petroleum has snothe found oil in potentially commercial quantities on the taine southern tip of the Norwegian continental shelf.

The Odin field has been considered for development for form.

production to rid the market of a potential glut of supplies.

Iran is now believed to be exporting less than one million barrels a day, because of difficulties it is having in selling its oil at the high prices it has been asking. Premiums demanded over its current official. ded over its current official-price of \$31 are believed to have been as high as \$4 or \$5.

pation is refinery or other nil company operations outside the Persian Gulf area in return for access to more crude than the basic contract of the 150,000 barrels a day. One of the main companies is believed to have

offered a share in a Singapore

refinery in return for a guaran-tee of long term access to

Gulf. BP and Shell are all believed to have submitted plans for Kuwait to take sheres

plans for kuwait to take shores in their refineries, but other multinationals who have been approached remain undecided on whether they are prepared to let an OPEC member ettack them on their home ground.

Kuwait led the last round of

price increases after Saudi Arabia's attempts to bring back unity to the disordered market

by increasing the price of its oil by \$2 to \$26 a barrel. Kuwait

used this ree as an excuse for increasing its own prices and other Gulf states followed suit.

It is now leading the move to gain downstream activities in

non-Opec areas, and to cut back

that if Norway increased its offfrom 70 per cent to between 80 and 85 per cent, it would not go ahead. Modifications were made to the original proposals and these must have satisfied the

group. There must now be hopes that another doubtful area, the North East Frigg field where Elf Aqui-

Esso plans to develop the field with a steel four-legged pist-

agreed on Godfrey Davis shares

By Richard Allen Shareholders in Godfrey Davis are to receive a 115p a share payment from the sale of

the group's car bire operations to the Renault subsidiary, The group, a Ford main qealer, reached terms with Europear yesterday which place

an overall value on the disposal of 122m. This figure is 1700,000 more than the entire capitalization of the British group at last month's suspension price of 141p.

In the six months to last September 30, the retnal activities contributed almost £2.5m out of

contributed almost £2.5m out of group profits of £4.3m, while in the previous full year they contributed under half the total profits of £4.5m.

As well las the cash payment of £17.4m to be paid to shareholders by Europear, the remaining Godfrey Davis business with harfit from a £4.5m divi

will benefit from a £4.6m divi dend payment from the hire in-The deal is to be carried out through a scheme of arrangement under which Davis will be reorganized into two new holding companies separating the reutal business and remaining

ing tracing activities.

Sharebolders will then be offered 115p a share for their boldings in the first company. boldings in the first company, which comprises the rental activities in the United Kingdom, Holland and Spain. Afternatively, they will be able to opt for an equivalent nominal amount of floating rate loan stock redeemable not later than 1985.

After this, they will be left with shares in the remaining company, comprising the main Ford dealership, interests in mobile homes, caravans and holiday hotels. Net assets of this company would be around £17.8m or 117p a share on current estimates. current estimates, compared with the £9.1m asset value of

the hire interest rates.

Mr Cecil Redfern, Godfrey Davis chairman, said last night that the deal should leave the remaining group with around £3m in cash which could be used to dealer further the used to develop further the existing leisure interests.

Europear, based at Clamart, near Paris, is already the larg-est European-owned vehicle renul group with representation in 57 territories in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. The group said last night that Midland Bank industrial investments had agreed to take a minority stake in the United

Shell and BP face 115p payout | Spending cuts key to new strategy

The Government's spending plans published with the Budget plans published with the Buoget on Wednesday are firm and unshakeble, according to Mr Nigel Lawson, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury. Speaking at a news conference in London, Mr Lawson emphasized the Government's commitment to falling public spending throughout the life of this Parliament.

Reductions in public spend-ing on the scale planned by the Government are an essential part of its medium-term financial plan. Mr Lawson said that if the Government's forecasts about developments in the economy surned out to be right over the next four years "we would have a significant sum available for tax cuts which, if we wished, could accommodate a 25 per cent basic rate of tax". Achieving the targets in the medium-term plan was not a wild dream. It was the Gov-erament's "hope and inten-

However, most of the detailed decisions on where cuts will come have yet to be taken. Some of the programmes which are expected to yield the biggest savings are not spelt out in detail. Ministers have thus not agreed on exactly how they are to achieve the large cuts promised in Wednesday's White

The largest savings are to come from programmes for

dustrial assistance and for housing However, there is no indication in the White Paper of where the cuts will full within these programmes.

The Government has siready announced policy changes for regional development grants, and with the recession coming there will be dess investment and thus fewer applications for government money. But these factors have not ben quantified at all, and neither have the nationalized industry price changes which are expected to counsbute to a turnround in the financial position of the state industries.

It now seems likely that ministers will take a step away from medium-term planning when they publish the next spending White Paper. This may well contain plans for only three years shead, rather than the customary four. The Government that the customary four. ment believes that as the plans are pushed further forward they become spurious. The innovation of a medius

term financial strategy in this year's Budget ma ynat last. It has not yet been decided whether to roll forward the figures in the strategy next year, or whether to watch it gradually turn into a short-term strategy.

Mr Lawson said that ministers were more concerned about achieving the low money growth and reduced spending plans outlined for the last year

of the strategy, 1983-84 than in The Financial Secretary also defended the Government's proposed cut in payments to strikers' families. Hesaid that in Britain strikers were treated better than in any other country that he could think of.

Some densils did emerge yes-terday about some of the assumptions on which the Government's spending plans are based. According to Mr Lawson the Government was assuming that from 1981 the Relative Price Effect (RPE) would work in its favour. This means that costs in the public sector would be expected. This is because the be expected. This is because the Treasury is assuming that productivity everywhere in the economy will grow very slowly. Since public secretices usually record a zero productivity growth because of the way in which they are measured, productivity growth in the rest of the economy tends to make public services relatively more expensive.

The other key element in this assumption is the belief that public sector pey costs will not be allowed to rise significanty fasteer than wages as a whole. The assumption that the RPE will work in the Government's favour goes against the experi-ence of most but by no means all recent years. However, other components

of the assumptions used in drawing up the White Peper seem clearly over-optimistic. The White Peper assumes



Mr Lawson: Government firm

that unemployment will average 1.6 million during the coming financial year and then stay at 1.8 million during subsequent financial years. The figure for 1980-81 is far below most recent estimates. An increase of 10,000 in uneemployment leads to an extra £110m bill for benefit

Sharp falls in gilts and equities

Prices of ordinary shares and Government 'stocks' dropped sharply yesterday as jobbers marked prices protectively lower and managers of cashrich financial institutions stayed away from the stock market in the first post-Budget trading

the Financial Times ordinary share index fell 12 boints to 423-1, the heaviest fall in a single day since November, and the Government Securities index, whose movements are usually measured in hundredths of a point, dropped 0.31 to 64.43.
Although this is more than a point off the 12-month low, it is regarded as an important support level. Chart analyses are forecasting a fall in the gilts index to 58 if current levels are not held.

It was the gilt market which prompted the fall in equities. steel strike talks this weekend, a stronger dollar and continuing high prime rates in the United States kept buyers from the market, sending prices gown by around 25p.

Government stocks are still overhung by an estimated £1,200m worth of long and short "taps" and hopes that the Government Broker might reactivate the long tap failed to materialize.

Desiers gained little inspira-tion from the Budget and with some light selling, prices were around £1 off by the close. Shares moved the same way atter what looked like a firm start. Oils, now viewed as a vola-tile market, took the brunt of selling. British Petroleum fell 14p to 336p and Shell went 14p

The ending of capital allowance on TV sets his Granada and shaved 20p from Thorn-EMI 20 296p. The revised aproach to casino taxes and increases on drinks hit Grand Metropolitan and Ludbroke, while BATs dropped a little putting on a packet of kingsize cigarettes. reported

genuine selling but reckoned that the fund managers must come back into the market

assets remains, but no target date for realization has been set and this will be welcomed by

the NEB. Sir Keith Joseph, th

Industry Secretary, said yester-day that the disposal require-ment still stood, subject to the

interests of the company in-

volved and the taxpayer, and with regard to the special

Sir Keith Joseph enthuses over Budget help for entrepreneurs

Prospects for thousands of

new factories and small businesses mushrooming around the countryside as a result of the Budget measures were held out by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, yesterday.

He was clearly elated by the opportunity for a reduction in red tape as a result of the plan to establish emergrise zones, with entrepreneurs helped by the £5m which the Government is providing for the construc-tion of nursery factory units. "This country has for too long discouraged existing small

businesses and the creation of new businesses", he declared, citing a detailed survey commissioned from consultanta which concluded that past demolition programmes and excessively rigid planning policies had reduced the old stock of suitable buildings. The survey also said that the shortage of suitable premises had been influenced by the rejuctance of major financial institutions and property developers to enter the market.

There is, according to Sir Keith, an "untapped source of entrepreneurs", many small businesses just waiting to be started, and cohorts of businessman queuing up to find premises in which to start firms employing maybe only half a dozen people.

The seedcorn for the revival will be the 1,000 nursery units planned by the Department of Industry with the aid of the

Industrial Corporation, and from them the hoped-for panoply of small business development will Sheffield City Council was

quick off the mark yesterday, consulting with Government over the possible designation of a 500-acre site at Attercliffe as one of the six "enterprise Mr I. L. Podmore chief execu-

tive, said the council was aware that the Government had identified Attercliffe as a possible one, with 100 per cent capital allowances on industrial and commercial buildings and complete relief from development land tax, among other incen-

The Yorkshire and Humberside region of the Confedera-tion of British Industry welsions; for assisting small busi-nesses: But a spokesman said high interet rates were affecting many businesses, and the CBI looked forward to the promise of changes later. "The businessmen we have

with the Budger and think it is the right course to adopt to reduce inflation", he said. Midlands industry, with its

considerable dependence on the motor industry, gave a mixed reception to the Budget proposals. Companies were worried by the effect of increased fuel and road tax costs on an industry which is already suffering from increaseed exports in its Mr David Owen, chairman of

Rubery Owen and vice president of Birmingham Chamber of In-dustry and Commerce, said: "We have long been campaign-ing for substantial changes in capital taxation to encourage invitative by smaller businesses but the changes proposed are limited in their effect and therefore disappointing.

"It is good to see that steps will be taken to ease the parti-cular problem of stock relief in the circumstances of the steel

"But the Chancellor offers no early solution to industry's over-whelming difficulties of high interest rates coupled with the high pound."

Britain's road transport industry faces a 2 per cent rise in operating costs because of Budget measures, the Road Haulage Association said yesterday.

The association, which represents 15,000 hauliers using 200,000 vehicles, said: "Obviously we are concerned and opposed to the inflationary effect of the increases in Derv and excise duty, which will have to be passed on to customers and will end up being reflected in the Retail Price Index ".

The main increase for hauliers comes in the form of vehicle excise duty, which ross by around 20 per cent, taking the cost of licensin ga vehicle from £824 to £1.072.

Pledge to renegotiate textiles pact

By Patricia Tisdall Management Correspondent The Government is to renego-tiate the international Multi-Fibre Agreement (MFA) for textiles. This undertaking was given to a trade union delega-tion yesterday by Mr John Nort, Secretary of State for Trade.

Mr Alec Smith, chairman of the TUC Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industries Commin-

tee, claimed the commitment to renegotiate the MFA, which expires at the end of next year, The meeting had been redistrict pecause in the trade absence of a conclusive stateabsence of a conclusive statement that the Government wished to see the MFA retained and improved beyond 1981. Among the clauses they want to be included in the new agreement is provision for recession, stronger "burden" sharing to spread low cost imported textiles over the nine participating EEC countries, and a "social" clause to oblige manufacturers to conform to minimum working conditions

A detailed scrutiny of all the

companies in its portfolio is

being undertaken by the National Enterprise Board. But the pressure of a time Built on

the board to divest itself of

assets to contribute the reduc-

tion in the public sector bor-

rowing equipment has been kited as a result of the Govern-

ment's latest White Paper on

Mr Nott end Mr Cecil Parkinson, his trade minister who was also present at the meet-ing, were however not prepared to discuss the detail of the new agreement at this stage. They have agreed to engage in full consultation with the industry including the trade unions before international negotiations start this autumn, but are understood to be working on the assumption that any new MFA would extend for 5 years. The immediate preoccupation

is in making the present agree-ties in work. The ministers denied allegations that they were not responding to the pre-sent crisis in the textile trade. According to Mr Parkinson, his department has succeeded in secting over 50 applications to use the "basket extractor" use the "basket extractor" clause under which products are reclassified as sensitive and given special protection through the EEC monitoring arrangements. Action under the "free circulation" clause which deals with low cost products has been used 27 times since the last election, he said.

Demands for special measures to minimum working conditions

NEB takes close look at its portfolio

Apart from its sale of its interest in ICL, the board has

not made any further disposals

although the sale of its interests in Fairey RHoldings is still the subject of a bid by Hambros.

But since he took over the

NEB chair last November, Sir

Arthur Knight has been involv-

ing bimself in a detailed look

at all the interests of the board.

against import penetration were rejected on the grounds that this would involve tearing up exising international agree-DOMESTIC.

The trade uniquiets maintain that the textile industry has suffered the sharpest job loss of any manufacturing sector over the second half of 1979.

This claim has been rein-forced by the latest reports from the National Economic Development Office working party dealing with textiles and clothing.

The TUC estimates that a total of 20,000 jobs or 4.5 per cent of the total workforce have been less during the less six

been lost during the last six months. It fears that during the next six months further job losses could bring the total to 10 per cent, or up to 100,000

Job losses are blamed on cuts in public support for the industry, VAT increases, resuittions on bank lending, and high interest and stelling exchange rates, its statement to Government, the TUC says tat low cost imports are particularly demaging at a time of recession.

and, in particular, at their

the Government announced that

it was lifting its deadline on the board to achieve sales of

more than £100m before the

end of the present financial year, and that was seen as a signal victory for the NEB

UK gambling laws veto temptations of technology

The obligation to dispose of printe.

Shortly before the election

Dollar rise continues as sterling slips

The dollar leapt on foreign exchanges yesterday, reaching its highest level against the German mark since last summer. Sterling dropped by 2.05 cents in the aftermath of the dollar's rise, although dealers reported that the fall was not a reaction to the British Budget

on Wednesday.

In trade weighted terms the doller jumped by almost a full per centage point to reach 90.4 per cent of its end 1971 value.

Cantral hards in Europe and Central banks in Europe and Japan were thought to be inter-vening quite substantially to hold down the dollar, but to little avail. Against the mark the dollar

plosed at Dm 1.9225, up by more than 1; per cent on the day, It had closed at Dm 1.8915 on Wednesday. It also jumped against the Swiss franc to Sw fr 1.83075 from Sw it 1.779, and the yen to 249.9 yen. Gold dropped sharply losing

\$34.5 an ounce to close in London at \$473 an anounce. This is its lowest level since before

Post Office financial target may be raised

The Post Office's financial target for its telecommunications business is likely to be raised from the present level of 5 per cent on net assets to 5 per cent for the next financial The White Paper giving the

Government's expenditure plans for nationalized industries says it is proposed to increase the level for the years to target 1983-84.

While details have yto to be decided the assumption is that telecommunications will make a real return of about 6 per cent next year and 6.5 per cent in the following financial year. The increase in profit target will enable more funds to be accounted for the hunt telephone. retained for the huge telephone modernization programme which is estimated to cost around £1,136m a year.

It is not, however, as much as Sir William Barlow, Post.
Office chairman, would have liked. Earlier this year, he told a Parliamentary select committee that he was engaged in discussions with the Government with a view to

establishing a 6.5 per cent target and that plans for 1980-81 Sir William also wants to stretch the cash limit or borrowing powers in order to have more flexibility for invest-

He points out that telecommunications administrations in other countries borrow between 20 and 50 per cent of their requirements. Sir William would like to be able to go to outside capital sources for between 15 and 20 per cent of British telecommunications requirements.
The increased financial

target has been agreed on the basis of revaluation of assets. Replacement costs have declined to the price cuts on equipment made possible partly by micro-electronic components. Last year the telecommunica

tions business made a profit of E347.1m after interest. The real return on capital was 6.9 per cent on net assets. On current forecasts, the business expects to meet its financial target which was set at 5 per cent for

public spending, PRICE CHANGES

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Britain, home of the most is licensed is illegal, and a horses, while others forbid any sophisticated betting in the comfortable theatre like the betting on out-of-state meetings, world, may be robbed of the one in New Haven would not Gambling on football results, chance of using new electronic be allowed unless there was a accepted in Britain, is banned in chance of using new electronic gambling devices because of major change in Brittin's Betause of major change in Brittin's Betautous legislation which dictates that ting, Gaming and Lotterles California.

But what the rules governing printer.

The rules governing printer.

The devices are part of a novel complex in New Baven, Connecticut, where close circuit live television pictures are beamed from the neighbouring race course of New York State to a screen 32ft by 24ft. The screen is contained in an ultramodern theatre called Teletrack, where racing fans can in comfort watch and bet on race meetings at the Aqueduct, Belmont and Sara-

toga tracks.

The rules governing licensed betring shops forbid advertising, no matter how dis-creet. The Act also clearly for-bids seeing any television broadcast or hearing a general radio broadcast on betting shop

But in America, allowing a racing theatre has been a major departure from previous policies. As a nation, they have been far more restrictive on betting in contrast to Britain, which is one of the most liberal In Britain, however, the gambling nations in the world, transmission of television pic Only about 29 of the United tures to premises where bearing States legally allow betting on

Odds against big-screen betting abnost every state except

> But what about the British punter " destined to place bets in premises which by law are devoid of modern comforts communications?. The Royal Commission on Cambline in 1978 was in little doubt that betting offices should not offer facilities which might induce people to enter them for any purposes other than a bet". So the electronic luxuries of racing theatres may bypass the British "punter", who, al-though regulated by the statute.

is still given a great deal of

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EEC says US Steel's claims are excessive?

The EEC Commission vester-day said some of the claims made by US Steel in its antidumping suit against foreign exporters are "excessive". It applauded the decision of Bethlehem Steel, National Steel and Inland Steel not to follow US Steel's example.

The Commission strongly demed it was contemplating any sort of retaliatory action. "The Commission, for its part, will do all it can to prove that the complaint is unfounded", the

It repeated its view that the Carter Administration's suspension of the trigger price mechanism was regrettable, saying this could drastically reduce European deliveries to the United States and at the same time weaken resistance to protectionist forces.

Canada's zero growth

The Conference Board has forecast zero real growth Canada in 1980, revising its previous forecast of 0.7 per previous forecast of 0.7 per cent growth because of the worsening United States econ-

3.9 pc production rise

Japan's industrial production index rose a sharp 3.9 per cent in February to a preliminary 145.2 (base 1975=100), seasonally udjusted from 139.8 in

China talks to IMF

Negotiations on the possi-hility of China joining the International Monetary Fund are being held in Peking in the utmost secrecy. An eight-member IMF mission arrived on Tuesday at the invitation of the Bank of China.

Swedish price freeze

The Swedish government is introducing a general price freeze until May 9 to help introduce a new central wage

German surplus widens

The Weist German trade surplus widened in February to DM460m (£109m) from January's DM342m, according to the Federal Statistics Office.

Record car exports

Japan's car exports reached a record 486,180 units in February, an increase of 21.8 per cent from January and 42.5 per cent from a year before.

Loan for Greece

The European Investment Bank has granted a loan for 20 million units of account (about £12m) to assist with industrial tourism ventures in Greece.

Government pledged to early decision on plans for shipbuilding

Facing up to a handover of the shipyards

Government will take a firm decision on the timescale for its plans to implement its commitment for the denationalization of the shipbuilding indus-

The prospect of a hiving-off of the profitable warship yards in the first instance will be a prelude to offering back the whole of the industry, although on present prospects the chances of securing buyers for the merchant yards, is to say the least, remote.

But union sensitivities have

been ruffled considerably by a discussion which senior officials of the Confederation of Ship-building and Engineering Unions had with Mr Adam Butler Minister of State for Industry, with special respon-sibility for the shipbuilding industry. He made it clear that the commitment to divest remained, and the union leaders deduced (quite accurately) that will be sooner rather than

The message handed out by Mr Butler was reaffirmed yes-terday by Sir Keith Joseph who said a decision would be raken in the next few months, although it might not be the final

A new company, Technalo-gics Computing, has been set up with National Enterprise Board's backing to produce a

microcomputer device for use

formation systems.

Known as TECS (TechnoloKnown as TECS (Computer

System), the product is in cssence a viewdata terminal with local information storage and normal data-processing

facilities. Pages received over

the telephone network using the Post Office's Prestel ser-

vice, or broadcast by the BBC's Coefax or ITV Oracle teletext

system, can be stored on a flexible magnetic disc at the

Pages can be created at the

terminal and stored either on the local flexible disc, thus providing a basic in-house

Prestel system. Pages can be printed out, if required, using

an optional add-on printer.
The new company will be managed by Sapling Enterprise.

a management and finance

by the NEB and Collinson Grant Associates. Supling will also pro-vide finance for the new com-

pany, and has arranged for sub-

Britain must stick up for its

rights and fight for its fishing

is to survive. That is the ing the Icelandic fishing fleet.

grounds if its fishing industry

general view taken by leaders

of Iceland's booming industry,

which last year had a record

catch of 1.6 million tonnes,

nearly 100,000 tonnes more than

There is a great deal of sympathy bere for the fishermen of

Hull and Grimsby who have

been offered a pitiful 13m aid

From Michael Frenchman

Reykjavik, March 27

in the previous year.

information system

appropriate, on the

viewdata

By Kenneth Owen

Technology Editor

NEB backing for new

microcomputer device

Over the next few months the decision. The indications are Butler tossed overboard last that as a result of growing back bench pressure ministers are being reminded ratther more frequently of the pledges made before and during last year's

General Election. The shipbuilding industry is proving to be something of a headache for the Government given that last July a two year lifebelt was thrown to British Shipbuilders. It is within that framework and the finencial regime laid down by the Cov-ernment, ther the State shipbuilding corporation has to work in the period to July next

But as its current financial year draws to a close—it will just be inside the £100m loss limit for the year—the financial wizards at BS are doing their sums for the next financial

This year has been a bit of a struggle. The external financing limit was set at £250m and the loss limit at £100m after ment's intervention fund-the paol from which BS can draw subsidies to narrow the gap between United Kingdom building prices and those of its But the lifebelt which Mr

Rigby Electronics of Man-

chester, another Sapling com-

Technalogies Computing are three Liverpool electronic engineers—Mr Laurence Cook, Mr Andrew Polkowski and Mr

Mr Andrew Polkowski and Mr Michael Siddles. Their predeces-sor company, known simply as

Technologies, is exhibiting at

the international viewdata ex-hibition ar Wembley Conference Centre this week, where the TECS has provoked much in-

Board's involvement in the formation of Technalogics Com-

puting represents an investment by the NEB's north-west

Another NEB enterprise, the board's Aregon subsidiary (formerly Insac Viewdata) has announced a fi.lm loss for its

first year's (actually 10

months') operation. Revenue for the year was £1.8m, and the loss is attributed mainly to the

cost of marker and product

development, which is written

off as incurred. Total NEB in

vestment in Aregon up to the

Aregon is expected to come

from both the NEB and the

sum not much more than the

cost of a single fully equipped

deep sea trawler. In sharp contrast millions of pounds

have been spent on moderniz-

sels has been gradually reduced. Ships have been lengthened and

litted with new equipment or

replaced altogether, changes which also reflect the substitu-

tion of capelin fishing for the

declining herring stocks. Cap-lin is a pelagic species like herring, which is processed for oil and fish meal but does not

Since 1973 the number of ves-

Further finance needed by

Success for Iceland's adaptable fishermen

regional board.

entrepreneurs behind

National Enterprise

the level of public sector orders which had been hoped for has been abysmally low. Similarly the high level of sterling has mitigated against the warship

year is not all that it seemed

at the time, because it repre-sented a financial traget limit-

ing its trading loss. Before

crediting intervention fund

financial circumstances and the

tough limits involved that BS

is now busily compiling a

dossier on the difficulties it will

face in meeting the arget.

Although BS is two thirds the
way to its 45 merchant ship

order base load, the executives

of the State shipbuilding con-

cern are not a little worried about the Government's failure

advance public sector orders to

This is posing problems for number of yards not solely in

the specialist warship sector

where there is some prospect of orders from the Budget commit-

ment to lift defence spending,

but particularly in the mixed

Another round in the legal battle over the content of Whitehall documents which Burmah Oil wants to be disclosed for its pending £179 million action against the Bank of England opened in the High

of England opened in the High

Court yesterday.

Burmah asked Mr Justice
Whitford to overrule a government ban on five documents

containing minutes which passed

to government ministers or top

officials when terms were being negotiated for the sale to the

Bank of Burmah's substantial

disclosure is opposed by the Crown, which says it would not

In its pending action, Burmah is claiming the return of BP

shares which it alleges the Bank acquired under value

when Burmah was in financial difficulties in 1975.

Mr Leonard Rollman, QC,

representaing Burmah, said it was complaining that it was placed in a position of "com-

plete inequality of bargaining

Mr Hoffman recalled that last November the House of Lords

another set of documents Bur-

mah had wanted to be disclosed.

the herring.
Mr Agust Einarsson, of the

Federation of Icelandic Fishing Vessel Owners (LIO), said that the number of capelin vessels

had fallen by more than half

since 1973 to 53 today. Total caapcity of the capelin purse

seine fleet was about 35,000 tonnes which averaged about 400-600 tonnes capacity per

about £500,000 to modernize an old herring boat by lengthening and giving it an enclosed bridge

deck and thus turning it into

The company's move

e in the public interest.

holding in BP.

with the Bank,

Apart from a few minor craft

Burmah asks judge to

free sale documents

the benefit of the state yards.

translate its pledge to

nal financing limit of £120m. It is against the strengene

assistance to £90 and an exter-

port contracts which have long been a useful source of work and revenue.

But denationalization pros pects could well serve to obscure the real financial problems faced in the short term and the Government is already faced with a compre-hensive resolution from the CSEU which totally rejects the idea of partial or full scale

The latter, seems somewhat unrealistic and improbable but there is no doubt that the share holders of Vosper, Yarrow and Vickers, the warship builders, who are growing angry and bitter over the delay in pay-ment of compensation on nationalization, see more than administrative and bureaucratic red toe as the reason for the

delay. The changes in the higher echelous of the board add further dimension to the confusion and anxiety now being experienced at British Ship-builders and for them, and for possible private sector pur-Government's chasers, decision the will

ments whose disclosure had been prohibited.

compelled Burmah to play guessing games" with the documents, "We have to sur-

mise from what description we

have what it is that they are

judge looks at them to decide what they do contain.

"It is an odd exercise. We

have concentrated on five we

think the guessing game can be played with the most likelihood

He said that Burmah's 21.6

per cent shareholding in BP had been pledged to the Bank as part of an earlier rescue

operation. Burman later found

A suggested arrangement for the Bank to buy the holding and allow Burmah a share of any profit on a resale was

reported to have met with some hostility by the Bank's "White-

was to sell its BP stock.

likely to contain before

Mr Hoffman said the Crown

Peter Hill

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Damaging effects of building inspection fees proposal

From the President, the authorities over interpretation National Federation of Building and charging.

Trades Employers Sir. The National Federation of a whole new army of bureau-Building Trades Employers be- crats to resolve them. I cannot lieves that the Government's proposals to charge fees for building control inspections and approval of plans set out in "The Building (Prescribed

Regulations 1980"should be reconsidered as a matter of urgency.

As they stand, the proposals laid before Parliament on March 11 and due to come into effect on April 1 would almost certainly have the diametrically

By this I mean that the in-tention of the scheme is pre-sumably to enable local authorenue, whereas interpretation of the proposals, particularly the method of charging, is already providing instances of local authorities recruiting additional staff, or engaging outside con-sultants, to cross-check the validity of fees.

Any scheme based on a proportion of work being subject to charges, as this one is, will inevitably lead to disputes bebuilders and local

believe that a government committed to reducing bureaucracy can have appreciated the heavy additional burden it would be imposing on local authorities administering the scheme.

Moreover, the NFBTE objects in principle to the charging of fees for this type of work. We believe that, as happens in areas such as weights and measures, food and factory in-spections, such costs should be or local level.

But if the Government is determined to impose what is, in effect, an additional "tax on our industry then at least the proposed scheme should satisfy three main criteria: -it should be capable of clear interpretation by the parties involved;
—it should be equitable in application as between dif-ferent types of work and sizes

of contract -it should be clearly set in the wider context of the future operation of the building con-

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present meets none c If the Government shead with such ill-and complex proposals surely be embarking of

pedient which will costly feilure. Certainly; the direct this scheme coming int on April 1 would be to heavy additional costs building industry cost would inevitably be in higher prices for and for new private h

particular NPBTE therefore urges the Government draw this Order and a further detailed cons with our industry over portant question. Yours faithfully, JOHN ALLEN,

President, ahead with such ill-pre The National Federa Building Trades Emplo 82 New Cavendish Stre London WIM SAD March 25,

From the chairman of the National Coal Board financial changes which may be included in a forthcoming Coal Industry Bill reveals a of the industry's objectives.

tion changed dramatically in 1973/74, the Coal Board came

peak, the industry would be un-able (because of the previous prolonged period of rundown)

The company was later pre-sented with a new non-negotiable package without profit Mr Hoffman said the Bank's

governor and deputy governor had said a profit-sharing agree-

an up-to-date capelin vessel.

of 81 trawlers representing

total insured value of £96.5m

The cod fleet now consisted

Cod is Iceland's most valu-

able fish and about 50 per cent

of the catch (557.973 tonne

last year) is taken by the 100

smal multipurpoes vessels of between 21 and 50 tonnes which spend about 200 days a

year at sea with long lines and

Another group of 140 slightly

larger vessels, of between 50 and 110 tonnes also go in for long line fishing and trawling

gill nets.

The hearing continues today.

Expansion of Britain's coal industry

Sir, Your energy correspondent's reference (March 24) to fundamental misunderstanding

forward with a plan for the re-expansion of the industry, following on 15 years of im-posed rundown. It was made clear in the new plan-end accepted by government—that swing from contraction to expansion in a large-scale basic industry, with long lead times, would present many problems. In particular, if the reexpansion was to be achieved in time to meet the anticipated increased demand for coal after oil supplies had reached their

to generate all the funds required for the accelerated investment programme. There would be an inescapable need for substantial external borrowings, entailing a growing interest and repayment burden. It was therefore agreed that some measure of state assistance would be required during the build-up period.

Six years have now elapsed since the industry's expansion plan was agreed. The investment envisaged in that period has been undertaken, output and productivity are rising, financial objectives are being met and the industry has established itself as one of the most technologically advanced min-ing enterprises in the world. Yours faithfully, DEREK EZRA. Chairman,

National Cost Board. Hobart Hosse. Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7AE.

Effects of inflation of course, not meaningless but.

From Professor Antony Flew Sir, Rarely can you have re- on the contrary, created to our ceived, and still more rarely understanding of absolutely published, so brief and blatant everything measured in money a manifesto of unrealism and irrationalism, as the letter from Mr R. T. Taylor to which you give pride of first place today March 26).

escape the effects of inflation but, except possibly in wage but, except possibly in wage even than the rise in that index negotiations, nobody refers to distortion by inflation." But he does not want us to draw the state of t sound and urgent moral, that know or to represent what actually is going on necessarily has to take account of these distortions. Instead he con-cludes: "Everything is distorted by inflation, so why try to cover embarrassingly high profits by using such a meaningless phrese?"
But that phrase is, slas and

terms. Certainly, if my pay has not in the last year risen by the same percentage as a true cust of living index, then my income has in real terms denrecisely in so far as people like Mr R. T. Taylor do reter to distortion by inflation when referring to wage negotiations, but nowhere else, they are being both arbitrarily unrealis-

University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 2AA. March 26.

German reform

From Mr Shaun Stewa Sir, Professor Friedman in the final part of to Choose on BBC 2 currency reform of 1948, was carried of Sunday, not because a would be closed, but the utilitary would at their offices, the clear tion being that the tion being that the came from the German ment acting witho powers.

The June report of trol Commission for (British Element), which seem in the British Lit Economic and Political states that the wester had decided on the refo two years of negotiation the Russians had fa secure agreement on rapardite solution. Friedman may not hav this. What he shou known is that the German Republic did sexist in 1948.

When the German ment was established Dr. removed a great meny The result was char which the Germans w saved by the impos import controls and the of special facilities European Payments Un money supply gre-rapidly.

Those who may ha convinced by Professo man's sweeping generi would be well advised Professor Harry John which appeared

Nothing that Professionan said on BBC 22 the view that his theet more sundly based the at that time. Much of said about eg Jap statistically incorrect a to more than one is SHAUN STEWART

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process engineers, plant manufacturers, fabricators and steelfounders to the dairy, food, brewery, chemical, petroleum and marine industries throughout the world.

Orders received in 1979 of £260m were 14% higher

- North American companies contributed 36% of total profits.
- Capital expenditure programme for 1980 increased

	to £9m.			_	
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systems	Earnings per share	42,34p	41.31p	2,5	25
for process industries.	Ordinary dividends	8.4p	6.48p	29.6	30
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Wide scope of public relations

From Mr Norman Hart
Sir, I would like to add a further dimension to the excellent overview of public relations by John Sudell as President of the Institute of Public Relations on the matter of public Relations on the matter of public Relations on the matter of public high. she matter of upholding high standards. (March 25.)

Not only is press relations simply a small part of the whole, but public relations itself has expanded rapidly over the past five years to embrace all aspects of corporate affuirs whether on behalf of a commercial organization, a local authority or indeed gov-ernment. It has become a

ment function designed to ensure that good kines of communication exist both to and from an organization and all its

tic and systematically irrational.
ANTONY FLEW.

Perhaps of the greatest importance in terms of "stan-dards" is the emergence of a second generation of PR practi-tioners who have studied and qualified for a Diploma in Public Relations, the nationally recognized qualification administered by the CAM Poundation on behalf of all branches of the PR. business. Certainly CAM

students and graduates be found to be "unbel incompetent" having instruction and gone a very stretching exac conducted by the top sionals in the business. Yours faithfully, NORMAN HART, Director,

Communication Advertis Marketing Education Foundation Limited, Abford House, 15 Wilton Road, London SWIV INJ.

UK lagging behind in data protection Dia

Sir, The article by Rory Johnston (March 25), in which be poses the headlined question Do computers really threaten our privacy?", sheds further light on a matter which has remained in the shadows too long few in dolong to it further. long. But in doing so it further underlines the complexity of the issues involved and the scope that exists both for misinterpretation of the nature of the problem and misuaderstanding of the steps that are neces-sary to achieve a solution. At the root of the matter are

three fundamental facts: 1. There is a growing world dependency on stored informa-2 There is public awareness

of increasing vulnerability to the use or misuse of personal data, the existence of which may be unknown to those concerned, and possibly inaccurate.

3. Great Britain is trailing behind its overseas trading partners in the matter of introprotection data

measures.

Mr Johnston, while apparently accepting this scenario, proceeds both to question the efficacy of the Lindop proposals aimed at preventing abuse and to deliver journalistics are presented to make the more of th stic swipes at many of the more positive arguments that have been levelled in the controversy.

He suggests that the computation of the more to wrestle with the difficulties.

The problem will not go away

versy.

He suggests that the compu-

that protection is very fur from comprehensive as it stands and general criminal law can never be equated with the safeguards of bespoke data protection legi-slation—specifically designed to cope with the data mountains" of the future.

It is also true that most companies implement data security systems but such security is requently lacking, for financial reasons, in the public sector systems. Mr Johnston is certainly cor-

rect in stating that legislation is exceptionally difficult to the legislation introduced draft. It is for this reason that seas is unnecessary and Lindop recommended a data agency which could sound Britain's voice at the several European forums now seeking a harmonized approach to the problems. An agreed code of practice.

leading in five years to legisla-tion, forms part of the Lindop recommendations. Certainly, as the article states, Parliament is not the place for these rather esoteric discussions but a properly constituted body with access to specialist knowledge

ter threat is exaggerated—that and it will get more complex. even if it is real then effective Britain's views are not being cross-border controls are im- taken into account in interna-practicable and even if they are tional deliberations, particularly

desirable in face of possible and until we have an autive body to speak for u is cause for concern. / can be of use in preventing some forms of data abuse; but the active toptaing members who the tune and shorter who the tune and those who passively by have to acce decisions in the long run Britain, by its failure an agreed policy on da tection and therefore to strong influence on the of Europe Convention matter, is likely to find it

just that position. We then have no option but into line with the majori on a legislative basis wh would have had little somewhat negative and

clusive article that a faire policy would best i Whether our EEC pa actions are indeed necess relevant is, I submit, of consequence to the centra in that it is acrose the fre of these countries and wi permission of their govern that we must continue to our data. For this reaso

> out delay. Yours faithfully C. P. D. DAVIDSON Group Commercial Direct Lucas Industries. Great King Street

proposals should go ahead

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After the **Budget**

e markets needed reminding neellor has left corporate sector hemshort-term brunt of his rategy, then yesterday's halfor lack of them in the United om Lucas could hardly have ptly timed.

hancellor's omission to do very idustry (other, of course, than ousinesses) was not the only the equipt market was falling disappointment with the extent gains tax changes was also for bringing out sellers who asly been holding out in the ostantially better treatment.

It market prices drifted lower interest rather than very much he authorities were hoping that might bring the market up to they were disappointed. True, does not have to move all that ich that level, but investors no reason to chase this market. nort term, they are waiting to come of the steel pay inquiry. t, there are growing doubts that ng to be much change in short-st rates until at least June and, stil wel linto the third quarter. there was no spur for gilts rom the predominant feature of arkets—the continuing strength llar. With the United States ector moving into a tax paying

nay well be that we have not yet

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ts touched £80m pre-tax in 1976and external disputes have Lucas showing what it could do ar run on the industrial front. s going to be no exception; the strike cost the group £20m in if and with all the other troubles aited Kingdom motor industry vehicle equipment division low, the first half have almost halved

oup that epworts about a fifth of oduction ,the strength of sterling Lucas to accept thin margins on siness to keep volume moving 1 £86m to £101m. Overseas howis reaping the benefit of the shift ness to local manufacture with ther despite £34m losses from novements.

n question for investors is the which Lucas can make up the on the United Kingdom operasecond half. With the aerospace g up the losses incurred during ering dispute, virtually all the was in the vehicle equipment hich made a trading profit last House of Fraser

e latest half-yearly figures comre cut by perhaps £15m because of



rd Scott, chairman of Lucas. dispute and road hauliers disputes,

rlying fall appears to be around a

gh the second-half has started on a note, particularly in aerospace e order book is £300m and trading ould double to perhaps £3-4m. But quipment is still going to be down uch as a fifth and the steel strike n out to have a more serious impact

resent appears likely.

J-half profits, then, will not match
's £47.5m and the most that can be
say Debenhams.

expected is £54m and even that assumes that further industrial disputes do not upset the calculations. Fortunately the group has a strong balance sheet to tide it over although the profits setback is already forcing Lucas to look hard at its capital spending.

The shares recovered half their 20p initial fall yesterday to close 10p dow nat 210p where they are selling at seven times pro-spective earnings and yielding 74 per cent on a maintained dividend. And the latest United Kingdom setback looks as though it will increasingly shift the focus of its

Northern Developments

Some wider

In a complex judgment, Mr Justice Gibson has upset some widely held assumptions in the City and industry about a banker's relationship with its customers. This judg-ment arsises from an action brought by William and Glyn's bank against Mr Derek Barnes, former chairman of Northern Developments, a housebuilding group which crashed in 1976 crashed in 1976

The bank sought to recover sums advanced to Mr Barnes personally. While some of the claims and counter-claims of the case refer to particular aspects of the case, there are

One is the extent of the duty of care which bank has towards its customers. Mr Barnes alleged that a bank has a general duty to advise arising out of the banker-customer relationship. The judge found that a clearing bank has no general dut yto act as an adviser even though in this instance the company had sought advice and the bank had proferred it. I t would seem, from the judgment, that there is here a possible distinction between a merchant bank and a clearing

The other important point affects the law relating to overdrafts. Banks have always contended that overdrafts are repayable on demand. Mr Justice Gibson found that in the absence of any consideration to the contrary, overdrafts are repsyable on demand. This would apply even when the overdraft had been granted for a particular trans-

It will be interesting to hear how clearing banks reconcile this view with their own evidence to the Wilson Commission where they suggested that there could be a proportion of "hard core" lending on overdrafts which could be used for much longer periods that the short-term lending for working capital requirements.

The judgement could also pose problems for auditors certifying a company's financial soundess in capital flotations. It may possibly be held that a bank's assurance that it does not intend to withdraw overdraft facilities as being merely a vague statement of intention rather than a cast iron

Lonrho will be pleased

House of Fraser has three problems: most of its 111 stores are too small for efficient retailing in the 1980s; it is heavily dependent on the four London stores, particularly Harrods which probably contributes a quarter of sales and 40 per cent of profits; and finally the fact that Lourho holds just under 30 per cent of its equity.

In the first two respects, House of Fraser typifies many of the difficulties facing the retail sector. Although the company says all its outlets are profitable, it is clear that some are much more profitable than others. The big surge which took profits from £10.6m in 1972 to £40.4m in 1979 was largely due to tourism in London. So the easing of the tourist boom, combined with VAT rises and the slump in women's clothes sales, helped to pull 1980 profits down £3.3m.

A modest recovery may be anticipated in the current year, but it is unlikely without a change in these fundamentals to restore profitability to more than 1979 levels. On sales up £86m to £700m margins have slipped from 6.5 per cent to 5.3 per cent, an

indication of how tough business is. Despite this, the dividend has been increased from 6.33p a share gross to 8.57p, so cutting cover from 3.9 times to 2.5 That will please Lourho, even if the vield of 6.4 per cent with the shares at 134p is not especially attractive when compared with

Derek Harris

OFT's Mr Borrie prepares for the chase

The Competition Bill, which is panies which may be distorting to receive the Royal assent competition.

next week, gives Mr Gordon It is expected that smaller Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, sweeping powers to bring to book those who indulge in anti-competitive anti-competitive

DESCRICES. of following the American system of specifying uncompetitive practices and outlawing each one indi, vidually the Government has left it to Mr Borrie to define what constitutes an anti-com-petitive practice and to decide whether to refer the practice to the Monopolics and Mergers

The 120 or so administrators and specialists on Mr Borrie's staff dealing with the various aspects of competition policy have been scratching their heads over the definition of "anti-competitive" ever since the Bill was published last

July.
One guide they have is the One guide they have is the Green Paper on restrictive trade practices policy produced last year by the interdepartmental committee chaired by Mr Hans Liesner. The Liesner committee itself relied to a large extent on the experience. of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission whose investigations had thrown up examples of widespread uncompetitive practices.

practices.

Some of the judgments of the Commission could well provide the beginnings of a body of case law guiding the Office of Fair Trading (OFT).

The Liesner committee cited

various examples of practices which had been found undesirable: these included the tying of the sale of one product by a retailer to the sale of a different one and "full-line" forcing where a retailer has to buy a full range of a maker's goods instead of merely the one desired). These practices have now gone to the Commission for investigation.

Rental-only contracts, loyalty bonuses to retailers, aggregated rebates and restrictive cancella-



Mr Gordon Borrie: will the OFT be as unpopular as .

the Price Commission?

tion terms in lease contracts were also mentioned by Liesner The interdepartmental com-mittee emphasized the difficulties of defining when an act was anti-competitive. Exclusive competitive when operated by a dealing contracts might be suti-dominant company, yet in other circumstances might be the means for a new entrant to establish a footbold in a market. The OFT will look at the Liesner findings and may also find some fruitful areas for investigation in the reports of the Price Commission, but by

and large it expects its own investigations and references

companies with a turnover of £5m or less will be excluded with 25 per cent or less market

The OFT will effectively need a prima facie case before deciding to announce an investigation.

Once an investigation is announced the OFT will virtually have all the wide powers of the Commission in calling for evidence from a company. It might, if circumstances demanded it. launch concurrent investigations into several companies in a sector, but it is hoped that investigation of a market leader will act as sufficient warning to others.

There is no time limit on the OFT's investigation, but it will be expected to act quickly.
Given its staffing capacity, 20
to 30 investigations a year

One problem could be the trivial nature of some com-plaints about anti-competitive practices. About 50 potential lines of inquiry have already been rejected. Another 30 are

The Government has left it to the OFT to define what

is anti-competitive

still being considered and it is thought that four full-blown investigations may be announced by the end of May.

The OFT's investigation report will, if it decides a reference to the Commission is justified, have to set out the full reasons for the decision. This differs from the procedure under which the ORI sends a monopoly reference to the Commission. Reasons do not have to be stated in these

the company to decide whether it should give undertakings to the Director General on dropping the practices investigated in order to avoid a Commission inquiry, which would last up to six months with an optional three mouth extension.

One serious criticism of the legislation may be that this will leave little time for a formule mutually acceptable to the OFT and the company to be hammered out. Complicated trade practices built up over decades could be involved.

If a Commission investigation went to nine months a company could be under critical public scrunity for nearly a year before its fate was decided. The threat of going through is process may well prove one

of the strongest factors in squeezing out anticompetitive practices once they can be identified In one of the investigations already been given pre-liminary attention by the OFT —the relusal of some manufacturers to supply to discount retailers—there are already signs that some of the manu-facturers involved are beginning to wilt a little under the pressure.

The Confederation of British Industry has underlined this point by complaining that the new legislation will lead to serious uncertainties for companies. The confederation is also worried about what a future administration less sym pathetic towards business might do with such broadly written lagislarion.

Mr Borrie has been stumping the country lately talking to companies and business groups to try to reassure them. His key message has been that the OFT is not concerned with prices so investigations and references much as ensuring that comto the Commission to spring petition is as free as possible.

mainly from companies and others in from companies and others tive practice mantle the OFT including members of the public.

Its remit under the new legislation will be to look at practices by individual com-



Two welding robots await their next Strada body-shell at Fiat's Turin plant.

Technology

Robots on the payroll

One of the best places in Europe for a glimpse into the future is Fiar's Rivalta factory in Turin, home of one of the auto-mated Robogate lines in which the body shells of Strada motor cars come together. Low plat-forms glide along preset trails, carrying the body shells into and out of a sequence of weld-

In each bay, the shells are locked into position by yellow frames or "gates" ready for the attention of the welders. who surround the platform like surgeons around an operating table. Sparks fly as the opera-tion begins and the welders' torches dart into and out of the Strada's anatomy.

The welders, of course, are industrial robots, performing their fixed tasks with speed, precision and consistency. The robots themselves are conven-tional units, but it is Fiat's wholly integrated system, with hardly a human in sight (one is sitting at a computer terminal, mother is cycling around the line to keep an eye on things; that is the pointer to the futura

In the immediate future there is the prospect of something similar at BL's Metro line at Longbridge

In Japan, the watchmaking in-dustry is the leader and the car industry is second in the auto-mation of mass production in mechanical engineering Industrial robots are a far cry from those moving, speaking mechanisms which appear in space fiction films.

An industrial robot of the kind which has attracted the attention of Fiat, BL and Japanesa industry—and, in recent weeks, of the National Research Development Corporation—is the mechanical equivalent of a one-armed human torso (that is, it can swivel its mechanical weist, shoulder, elbow, wrist produce "more intelligent" and hand). Its movements are robots with sensory perception. controlled by computer, either by programming or simply by taking the machine through its paces manually-just once.

Having thus been taught its task the robot will carry on doing it, precisely, again and again and again, without taking ten breaks, going on strike or sleeping on the night shift,

Unimation of Danbury, Con-necticut is the acknowledged world leader in industrial robots, while Hell Automation of Watford, Hertfordshire, claims to be Europe's leading producer. Both companies have been involved in recent changes in the United Kingdom indus-

Last December Hall was acquired (from BOC and the Hall family) by GEC-Marconi; earlier this month Unimation announced it would produce its new Pums robot in Britain with NRDC and Department of Industry becking.

Hall produces three types of Hall produces three types of machine: a general-purpose transfer robot, an arc welder and a paint-sprayer. Unimation's Puma is a light-duty industrial robot which has been introduced for assembly work in six divisions of General Motors in the Victor Street in the complete the c the United States; it is a smal-ler brother of the Unimates which (together with similar machines) weld the Strada bodies in Turin.

Two other moves into robot development and manufacture

For the sake of American labour journalists, if for nobody else, I hope that IAMSSPRST-MSHMMTWHW is a nest of moderates and not about to embark on a headline-grabbing

They are the initials of the

union which could have the longest name in the world—in the International Association of

Polishers, Rubbers and Sawyers, Tile and Marble Senters' Helpers and Marble, Mosaic and

Terrazzo Workers' Helpers of

of our own National Union of

Agricultural Workers, rightly

Another more tantalizing item, says laconically: "The

earliest recorded labour dis-

entitled: "Interesting Facts"

Washington.

in Britain were made earlier this month. Fairey Engineering is to market and later manufac-ture a range of automation products designed by six Italian companies; and a new company, British Robotic Systems, has been set up jointly by SPL International and Remek Micro Electronics.

Electronics.

As in other fields of advanced technology, Britain has devoted much effort to discussion and investigation of robots—but has little to show in terms of working systems in use in British industry. On a recent check, Lord Trenchard, Minister of State at the Department of Industry, said this week (he was opening an automation conference in Brighton) there were only 130 robots at work in Britain compared with 500 in Germany and 500 in Sweden. And, he might have added, about 4,000 in Japan.

The 4,000 figure for Japan was quoted by Mr Clive Jenkins of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs at a recent conference on

at a recent conference on robots organized by the British Institute of Management. Other speakers included two pioneers of United Kingdom robotics—Mr Douglas Hall Automation, and Professor W. B. Heginbotham, directorgeneral of the Production Engineering Research Association.

The impact of robots and automation on joining and assembly was the subject of a report published last October by the Government's Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development (Acard). In countries such as Japan, the United States and West Germany, Acard notes, government supported programmes have accelerated the development and application of robots, and there is continuing research to produce "more intelligent"

It is vital that the United Kingdom should move shead rapidly with the introduction of robots into industry, the advisory council says. "Failure to apply them will result in our industries being progressively less able to compete with either the high-productivity industrialized countries or with the low labour.cost developing countries." labour-cost developing countries ".

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To meet the immediate need it will be necessary to rely on imported robots, the council concludes, but there are good opportunities to build a British robot industry, making use of indigenous skills in engineering design, remote handling and software.

software.

This is now beginning to happen. As a snapshot of robot activity Professor Heginbotham cited the West German position at the BIM conference. Spraying and coating account for 22.3 per cent of the total installations, spot-welding 18.3 per cent, and discasting machine valoading 14.8 per cent. Also at 14.8 per cent is injection-moulding machine unloading, with presswork 12.4 per cent and forging presses 7.4 per cent. Four per cent of robots

cent and forging presses 7.4 per cent. Four per cent of robots are used in experimental setups that is to try out operations which might be performed by special-purpose equipment later. Arc welding accounts for 3.1 per cent de-burring 2.4 per cent and only 0.5 per cent for assembly. assembly.
A snapshot of a different kind

reminds me again of the Robo-gate line in Turin. Off to one gete line in Turin. Off to one side was a robot with its covers off, bending, stretching and twisting furiously, repeatedly—and to no effect, since those was no car there to weld. The effect was disturbing; we were watching a robot shadow-boxing, or doing keep-fit exercises, or undergoing a severe emoor undergoing a severe emofact being tested after repairs. Kenneth Owen

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Business Diary: Brewers caught on the hop? • Electric shocker for Lucas

be only January of this at Greenall Whitley in Christopher Hatton ing in his annual report unities in can a Opin be by the plans and if an it the plans and if an it the plans and if the plans and the that we have the ople at all levels. . . . both Harton and the er in this highly profit-ewery, tax exile and chairman . Edward

have been surprised lecision to quit of their igredient, deputy chair-id managing director, er he nor the brewers iking last night, but ig to a terse statement e Warrington brewhouse d Barrett is to take w appointment in indus-

ik any boardroom row, ed rather than preceded in the same way as Greenall pinched him

3M 10 years ago? brewers certainly seem e been caught by surfor they have not had find a successor. Prit-



which were excluded from tax to encourage "cleaner and quieter vehicles ". Ah well, we cannot always

get it right. But you must admit it was a good try ", said a Lucas By 1981 Lucas will have over 100 battery-driven vans on the road. With a one-too payload, a

quarterly with that title yester-day, is undismayed. He thinks top speed of 50mph and range of 70 miles between charges. The Chloride group is investing in electric vehicles too. the Chancellor's moves magmake business car buyers more acutely conscious of the need to get the best for their money. Frankl expects the squeeze But until there is a lighter, more powerful alternative to on company cars to tighten in investment.

head of its entire Zimbabwean operation, back to head office in the City as general manager, special duties, to help rope in British or indeed any other companies who want to buy or in Zimbabwe with SCB

by SCB 24 years ago and within hours of visiting the St Clement's Lone, headquarters was on a bool and heading for the then colony. Must of the calls he is getting are from British furns and he heads they are libely at the market Another man to watch for trouble spots.

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launch a masazine called Com-pany Car devoted to Britam's

biggest, and most threatened,

business perk.
But Andrew Frankl, who pub-

lished the first issue of the new



Standard Chartered's John Davidson : Zimbabwe settlement resettlement

This nugget of information comes from a little section I have just seen in the 1980 diary is Alan Wren, Davidson's successor in Zimbabwe. His last two postings were Tehran and Beirut-let us hope that Salisbury does not give him the likely to do well in that market. chance to make it a hat trick of

• The day she papers are full the next two, or three years. "Other countries do not allow this sort of latitude, but if the Government is going to abolish the tax advantages of company cars attogether they would have to restructure the British sys-

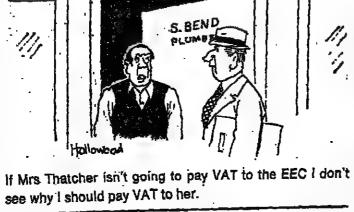
> some good provocative material. It argues (pretty convincingly) that the Rolls-Royce is Britain's cheapest company car, because it is the only one which offers

pute was concerning the mono tony of working conditions in Thehes, Egypt, 1153 BC." Given Egyptian capacity for delay, is it still going on, I wonder? Geoffrey Dix, secretary of the tem of remuneration com-pletely. I do not think it will

Institute of Bankers, writes to me in despair because his usual British supplier of matchbooks is no longer to make them in this country and he cannot find anybody else who does. Could

it be that the meanies in the banks have let too many small matchmakers to under?

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Lucas executives who show increase in road tax for everyiniative in saving even small thing except electric vehicles sums can look for a pat on the rd-Barrett's decision. back. But one such ploy mistired he have been bead yesterday when someone in the electric vehicle department tried to beat the Budget.

Lucas already has 25 con- person. verted Bedford CF vans on test and will soon have 40 more. After "leaks" that the Chanlarrett is not going right but chairman Hatton (a collicitor) will be acting xecutive until a new bod id.

After leass that the chairman to cellor would bump up the road fund licence, an employee was sent on Wednesday morning to tax the first barch of 10 vans. At £60 a time—£10 more than Whitley's profits cars-it cost £600.

1 39 per cent to \$16.1m Four hours later, the Chan the lead acid battery there will cellor announced a 20 per cent be no electric private cars.

Standard Chartered Bank, the leading British overseas bank, has moved swiftly to consolidate its position as Zim-babue's biggest commercial It has brought Davidson, the

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Davidson, a Scot, was hired

happen."
Meanwhile his first issue has hope of improving on the

Ross Davies

FINANCIAL NEWS

Arthur Bell expands home market share

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Arthur Bell, the Perthshire whisky distiller, has come through a difficult half-year to December 31 with profits up by 6 per cent to £9.19m before tax on sales ahead from £104m to

The group has succeeded in turther expanding its share of the home marker, and now claims over 25 per cent. To some extent Bell will have benefited from the two months strike at Distillers during October and November.

However Bell has still done very well to show a small rise in volume sales in the United Kingdom during a period which started with high stocks overhanging the market and when the industry as a whole saw volume decline sharply.

Bell must now increasingly turn to exports for growth, as further volume increases in the United Kingdom will be hard to find. Here the signs are epcouraging. Export volume rose by 19 per cent compared with a 1 per cent industry decline, although export turnover of 11.4m is still only about a tenth of total whisky sales. Pretax profits of the whisky division were £492,000 higher at £8.30m after a £649,000 rise

in interest charges to £1.59m which was largely due to higher interest rates.

The glass container division showed a small rise in profits, although margins were lower. Bell is investing film on re-building furnaces and on new plant, but the consequent dis-ruption and poor demand for

More company news on page 24

glass containers mean that pretax profits of this division may be lower than 1978-79's £1.45m. The transport division made a

small profit and should also show a full-year profit compared with the previous year's £43,000

Although a February price rise and the duty increases im-posed by the Budget will raise retail prices by around 17 per cent, Bell is reasonably confid-ent of maintaining United Vinc. ent of maintaining United Kingdom volume in calendar 1980 and second-half whisky profits should be at least maintained at £7.61m.

The shares fell 4p to 162p yesterday. Assuming the final dividend is raised in line with the interim, the prospective yield is 5.6 per cent.



ograph by Chris Ball

Progress in Imperial's takeover bid

Sir John Pile, chairman of the Imperial Group, pictured (centre) at yesterday's annual meeting, told shareholders that it was not possible at present to say when the planned takeover of Howard Johnson, of the United States would be completed.

He said substantial progress had been made in obtaining regulatory approvals, but the board nevertheless felt that both with respect to that and certain other aspects of the bush-Further meetings have been

arranged with Imperial's advisers in the United States and also with the management of

Howard Johnson.

Meanwhile, in Braintree, Mass., yesterday, a spokesman for Howard Johnson said the

spokesman for Howard Johnson said the company would not comment further on Sir John's statement at the AGM.

As far as the current year is concerned, Sir John said that, "taking one thing with another", the year had started well. The board still believes that group pretax profit for the year will show an advance over the previous year, "but not a dramatic one".

Bestobell keeps its promises

BTR bid of 220p narrowly defeated last August. But BTR's shares are now 334p and its abortive share offer would now

be worth 244p.

Bestobell does not have to worry about that until August 18 when BTR will be allowed under takeover rules to bid again for Bestobell. The first hid attempt was only just defeated. BTR finished with defeated. BIK rimened dend, as indicated is at we 45.15 per cent of Bestobell's dend, as indicated is at we shares of which 27.04 per cent 15.73p gross egainst 13.7p. Earnings were 14 per cent up BTR's managing director was

"Doing reasonably, but must then quoted as saying that the try harder" seems a fair group hoped that Bestobell verdict on Bestobell whose would keep its promises. It has. figures for the year to Decem- The controls, energy, aviation her 31 helped the shares rise 2p and consumer products group to 224p yesterday. Here they are reports a 31 per cent rise to just above the cash value of the £5.42m in pre-tax profits—in BTR bid of 220p marrowly line with last July's bid forecast --- while sales rose 11 per cent After tex profits rose from £2.95m to £3.25m after ex-

change losses of £417,000 against £450,000. A jump in extraordinary items from £163,000 to £407,000 included £178,000 in costs to Kleinwort Benson and others for fighting off BTR, and £294,000 of hosses on reorganization. The divi-dend, as indicated, is to be

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Alexander Howden tops £20m

By Richard Allen Insurance Correspondent

A 13.4 per cent rise in pretax profits to £20.12m at Alexander Howden last year has helped further alleviate the group's "image" problem, which dates back to the unexpected £3.6m profits fall in 1978.

Even so, the group remains the highest-yielding major insur-ance broker in a sector galvan-ized by bid hopes despite the fact that the net full-year divi-

A final of 5p gross takes the from £15.3m to £14.9m total for the year to 10p gross against 10.5p gross previously. With the shares down 2p last night this leaves a yield of just

tained at the previous year's broking and agency level. ever, profits from the in-companies leapt by 90 p to £6.7m.

Mr Kenneth Grob, the under 9 per cent.
On the broking from, Howden, like its rivals, suffered from the pressure on overseas earnings of a stronger pound as well as softening premium rates

man, yesterday strongly ted rumours about the boardroom changes which persisted since two group's underwriters distance.

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Anglo American Corporation Group

Reviews by the Chairmen of the Transvaal gold mining companies for the year ended 31 December 1979

The following are general comments on the gold and uranium markets, mining operations and related matters taken from the annual reviews by Mr H. F. Oppenheimer, chairman of Elandsrand; Mr D. A. Etheredge, chairman of Vaal Reefs; Mr G. Langton, chairman of Western Deep Levels, Southvaal Holdings and Afrikander Lease; and Mr N. F. Oppenheimer, chairman of S.A. Land:

GOLD

On 2nd January, 1979, the gold price, at \$225 an ounce, was still recovering from the announcement by the US Treasury two months earlier that it would significantly increase the amount of gold to be auctioned as part of a dollar support programme. By 8th February, 1979, the price had risen to a new record of \$254 owing to fears of oil shortages and soaring prices following the Iranian revolution. In mid-year, with further rises in the oil price, renewed fears of inflation and widespread political unrest, not only in the Middle East but also in South East Asia and South and Central America, the price of gold regained its upward

Asset protection became the major factor in the rising price of precious metals in general, rather than the weakness of the US dollar as had been the case previously. New US legislation recognised the importance of gold in investment portfolios by permitting pension and insurance funds to invest part of their assets in precious metals. Reduced Russian sales and continuing strong investment demand with no major reduction in gold fabrication accelerated the upward movement. Consequently, at the beginning of October a new record of \$437 was set at the same time as the IMF met in Belgrade and studiously ignored the question of gold and its role in international monetary affairs.

The storming of the US Embassy in Teheran early in November and widespread growing anti-US sentiment, particularly in the Middle East, boosted speculative demand again and at the end of the year the price closed at \$524. The Russian invasion of Afghanistan and further oil price increases thereafter caused a leap of more than \$300 to a peak of \$850 in only three weeks. The price is currently fluctuating between \$600 and \$700 with support now amerging of prices around \$600. If sustained, this could augur well for our

There is no doubt that the current high prices are depressing the jewellery trade partly because of consumer resistance but also because of the difficulty of financing working stocks. However, because of intergold's activity the drop in demand is not expected to be as sharp as that which followed the rapid gold price increase In 1974. Krugerrand sales are also being adversely affected and small R1 and R2 coins are being marketed on a trial basis. Despite the drop in offtake in fabrication demand, sales of newly-mined gold are being sustained by strong investor demand.

The US Treasury sales policy is not at all clear. It appears however that unless there is a significant weakening of the dollar in exchange markets, or the US balance of payments worsens, no further sales will take place. The current IMF sales programme will come to an end in May and it is not yet known what policy will be adopted with regard to its remaining gold holdings of ap-

The past year has further entrenched the monetary role of gold in the world economy and even when the political situation is normalised in the Middle East, the price of gold is not expected to drop to last year's average level.

URANIUM

Uranium prices showed a further decline in real terms during the year and there was a marked drop in spot market activity towards the end of the year. The current surplus has been aggravated by some United States utilities which have decided to reduce their inventories either because their view of the free supply position has resulted in a change in inventory policy or because the high interest rates prevailing at present have made realisation of stock financially attractive.

The sale of this material in Europe at relatively low prices has reduced the opportunity for spot sales. The present indications are that Vaal Reefs and Western Deeps will not be able to sell their entire available production this year, increased as it will be at Vaal Reefs by the build-up to full production at the new South plant and the additional tonnage from the Afrikander Lease area and at Western Deeps by initial production from the new plant extension. Therefore whatever new spot sales are secured in 1980 by Vaal Reefs will only partially absorb production from Afrikander Lease.

Furthermore, the predicted oversupply until the mid-1980s is likely to result in a continuing drop in price in real terms. This, on the other hand, will undoubtedly cause a delay in the commissioning of some uranium mining projects currently under consideration in other Western countries. Nevertheless, our view remains unchanged that uranium and coal offer the only longterm economic solution to the shortfall in the world's energy supply. Oil is becoming prohibitively expensive as a source of general purpose energy and consequently the trend towards nuclear and coal based energy is bound to strengthen. At this stage however, because of public resistance to nuclear power. there is a definite trend towards planning for coal-fired generaling capacity at the expense of possible new nuclear power plants.

	Vaa	l Reefs	South	i Reefs th Lease real		estern Levels	Elandsrand ²	S.A.	Land
	1979	1978		1978	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
Gold Tons milled 000's	B 183	7 822	2 679	2 595	3 241	3 223	582	1 2853	9653
Yield-grams/ton	8,22	9.62	10,29	9.65	14,78	14.17	5.04	1.24	1.28
Production (kg)	67 282	67 438	27 560	25 034	47 890	45 667	2 931	1 595	1 236
Cost Rend/ton milled	31.88	28.68	34.40	28.66	37.15	32.67	35,49	3.174	3.334
Cost Rand/kg produced	3 878	3 327	3 344	2 972	2514	2 306	7 043	2 5574	2 6024
Price Received Rand/kg	8 183	5 491	8 147	5 559	3 358	5477	9 270	8 099	5 554
Working profit R000's	290 870	146 822	132 942	65 111	280 952	45 590	7 151	3 0725	2077
Royalty paid			55 976	28 233	_	-		_	
Capital expenditure R000's	103 876	94 015	54 992	58 205	72 749	21 068	69 000	426	
Tax R000's	108 678	37 137	_		736 001	75 492	_	Z 137	1 166
Dividends cents per share	510	280		_	320	147.5	_	40	25
Uranium Production tons	1 273	1 060	486	335	199	183	_	_	
Profit R000's	61 821	50 567	18 674	11 874	3 484	2341			

LABOUR

With the upturn in the economy, the shortage of skilled workers in South Africa has been aggravated. Consequently the Government has been forced to encourage immigration, an action that will permanently remove a good number of skilled lobs from the market which could have been satisfied locally had the training of black apprentices started when the industry was pressing for this change some years ago. It is absolutely vital that the recommendations of the Wiehahn and Riekert reports on industrial relations and labour mobility be implemented so that this country should not remain dependent on immigrants to meet its skilled labour requirements in future. To achieve this the co-operation of all sectors will be required and particularly that of the trade unions, some of which have already indicated qualified support for the apprenticeship of blacks.

Mr D. A. Etheredge:

The publication of the Wiehahn and Riekert Reports on Industrial relations and labour mobility were milestones in labour development in South'Africa. However, the Government initially adopted a cautious attitude towards the Commissions' recommendations particularly in regard to the admission of black workers to trade unions. Fortunately, it has since made important moves in this direction and seems intent on full implementation of all the recommendations, but in terms of an undefined timetable. Some matters remain to be considered by the Wiehahn Commission which will be devoting a further report to matters concerning the mining industry in particular. Once this has been published and the Government has made its views known, it will be possible to plan for the better utilisation of our human resources and for an improved industrial relations structure. Much will depend on the co-operation of the white trade unions, and it is sincerely hoped that they will recognise that it is in everyone's interest, themselves included, that these changes are brought about.

TRAINING

The mining industry offers employment opportunities to over 300 000 underground workers and nearly 100 000 surface workers, most of whom have had very little or no formal education. The average period of schooling of the black workforce in the industry is only 3.4 years. The task of formulating training programmes aimed at improving performance and overall productivity on the mines remains formidable. However, success in this field is imperative if the predicted skills shortage is to be

The continuous training of people in itself can and should only be undertaken within a labour structure which enables all individuals to use their accumulated skills to maximum potential. Forward developmental planning of the labour force in a new environment where there will be equal opportunities, equal pay for work of equal value, as well as the right to trade unionism, must be, approached with some urgency. The next decade will see fundamental changes in labour policy which it is hoped will result in the industry being manned by a stable, fully-utilised and wellmotivated labour force.

TECHNICAL RESEARCH

Research at gold mines administered by Anglo American Corporation is being accelerated to establish satisfactory and practical means of filling mined-out areas with slime residues. Different methods of pumping and a variety of additives are being investigated to make the handling of highly viscous pulp possible. If these attempts are successful, very large areas of old and current underground excavations can be filled giving a much improved regional support. The consequences of this action for the mining industry as a whole could be substantial as it will reduce many of the hazards associated with the mining of large areas of depth. It will also lead to more efficient use of ventilation, thereby improving the environmental conditions of current working places. The end result could therefore be a substantial improvement in productivity as well as a reduction in underground fatalities and

Mr G. Langton on Western Deep Levels:

The major unsolved problem in deep level mining below 3 000 metres is the incidence of rockbursts

To a certain extent rockbursts have been limited by longwall mining which minimises the formation of remnants, by good mining geometry and by the use of rapid-yielding hydraulic props. Despite these measures however the incidence of rockbursts is still far too frequent and when these occur during the working shift they usually result in injuries and often in the loss of life. Besides the human tragedy associated with these events they create an unfavourable image for the mine which in turn results in recruiting problems.

Naturally, the majority of bursts occur after the blast when the stope faces are not manned and consequently do not result in casualties. However, these bursts normally cause severe damage to the work places which takes time to repair and results in loss of production. Furthermore, they have a demotivating effect upon the miner and his team. It is estimated that production lost due to bursts in 1979 amounted to 44 000 square metres and as the depth of mining increases the rockburst hazard and losses could

Recent research has indicated that energy release rates show a linear relationship to the incidence of rockbursts. However, the rate of energy release can be effectively reduced either by leaving stabilising pillars or by introducing a suitable fill behind the

Where stabilisation is provided by a systematic pattern of strike pillars, it has been demonstrated that an 85 per cent extraction rate will result in a 50 per cent reduction in the number of rockbursts. This will lead to a more stable mining condition with the potential for improving safety and production performance. It is planned to introduce these pillars on the Carbon Leader longwalls below 100 level during 1980. While the effect of leaving barrier pillars will theoretically result in a 15 per cent loss of mineable ore, thus reducing the life of mine by three years, in practice the ability to mine safely at greater depths could more than offset such

At the same time, it is intended to continue experimenting with suitable methods of filling stope workings effectively with crushed waste rock. At this stage it must be emphasised that there are numerous technical and practical difficulties involved. However, success in this field may well reduce the requirements of in situ pillar support.

The Annual General Meetings of these companies, all of which are in-corporated in the Republic of South Africa, will be held in Johannesburg. South Africa, on April 24, 1980. Copies of their annual reports may be obtained from the London Office at 40 Holbom Viaduct, London EC1P 1AJ or from the affice of the United Kingdom Transfer Secretaries. Chartered Consolidated Limited, P.O. Box 102, Charter House, Park Street, Ashlord, Kent TN24 8EQ.

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BASF pre-tax profit soar by 46.6pc

Pretax profits for BASF soared 46.6 per cent to DM994m (£229m) in 1979. Group pretax profits rose 48.2 per cent to DM1,700m. DM1,810m.

Turnover for the mother com-pany rose by 25.4 per cent to DM12,130m, while turnover for the group rose 20.4 per cent to DM25,900m.

BASF said that demand had remained high so far in 1980 with the order backlog unchanged from December, 1979, although the company remained burdened by price increases for crude oil and petrochemical raw materials.

The company announced that The company announced that foreign turnover for the parent company had increased 27 per cent to DM6,340m, slightly faster rate than domestic turnover, which grew 23.3 per cent to DM5,290m.

Investments for the parent company increased a slight 0.3

IBM raises in Lurope-

International Business Machines is on another borrowing spree. This month it has reised the equivalent of about \$277m through private placements and bank loans in Europe, the com-pany disclosed in New York. All the borrowings represent cantly shead of those for six-year obligations at annual interest rates of 6 per cent to

10 per cent. The total includes a previously reported placement of notes in West Germany in which IBM raised the equivalent of \$53m. But IBM also raised the equivalent of \$108m chrough two other financings in West German marks, an IBM spokesman said.

In addition, IBM raised the equivalent of \$116m through borrowings in Swiss france. IBM said it needs the funds for plant expansions, working capital and to finance its placements of computers through leases. By borrowing in

through leases. By borrowing in Europe, it got interest rates substantially lower than it could get in the United States.

"We won't pass up opportunities to borrow if we find terms," Mr Dean P. Phypers, IBM's senior vice-president for finance and planning told finance and planning, told securities analysts in New Orleans earlier this month. The amount IBM borrows this year would depend in part

on the availability and cost of money, he said, and in part on how much IBM needed to finance its lease base. Last year, there was a surge in customer decisions to lease computers rather than buy them. Leasing results in much less near-term revenue for IBM and a potentially greater need for borrowed funds.

TBM made unprecedented borrowings last year of nearly \$1,500m.

had a net attributable of 27.88m Singapore d of 27.85m Singapore against 21.67m in the property of Day Final dividend is 8 per-

eOxpansion.

Optimism at Shell Oil Shell Oil expects 1980 earn ings could be adversely affine ings to exceed last year's \$7.32 by higher raw material ings to exceed last year's \$7.32 by higher raw material and product prices, lower safes where the growing strength in exploration and product prices, lower safes volume "Lower safes volume". F. Bookour told security not necessarily mean

analysts in Houston, Texas.

In 1979 Shell had record profits of \$1,130m.

The security mean profits," he said, adding maintaining net income in sector in 1980 isn't as He said, however, that earn-either.".

NMB confident of growth

bank (NMB) expects to raise profit again this year, with a further growth in its overall on balance better than at huijsen Rom, said.

First quarter profit was expected to be higher than in

on balance better than at

Dresdner holds dividend

Dresdner Bank has proposed the bank with a total an unchanged dividend of DM878m in base capital DM9 per DM50 share for 1979. DM2,040m in open reserved. The bank said yesterday in

while a further DM50m will be presented to stockholders put into open reserves, leaving the annual meeting on Ma ...

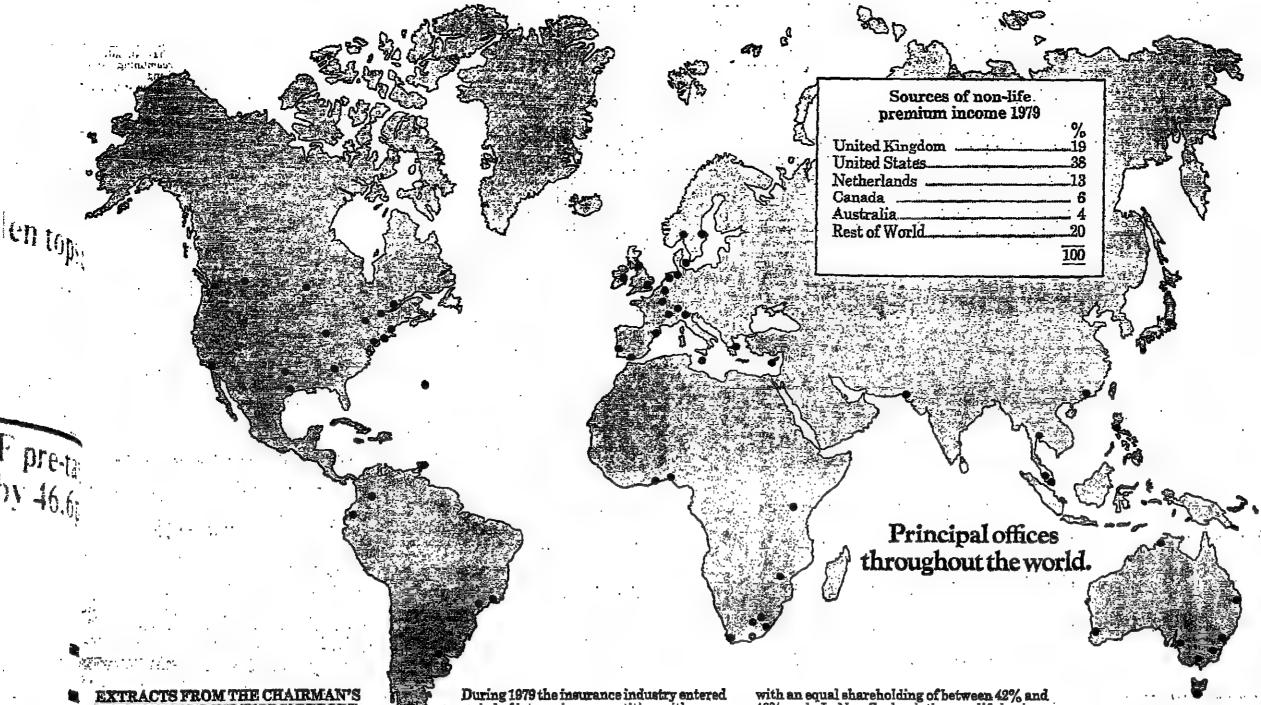
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REVIEW AND DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR 1979.

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Summary

The profit attributable to shareholders for 1979 (after taxation and minorities) was £91.8m compared with £87.8m for 1978. Earnings per share increased marginally to 22,34p from 21,37p in 1978.

Your directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of 5.800p (1978 5.927p) per share which, with the interim dividend paid in November 1979, gives a total of 9.800p (1978 8.790p). This represents an increase of 11.5% on the dividend paid in respect of this year ended 31 December 1978. The cost of total dividends for 1979, including preference dividends, will amount to £40.8m, leaving £51.5m to be

transferred to retained profits and reserves. World-wide non-life premium income in sterling terms increased by 4.3%, but, after allowing for the effect of changes in rates of exchange and the sale of a majority of our shares in former subsidiary companies in South Africa and the Republic of Ireland, which have now become associated companies, the underlying growth in premium income was 12.4%.

Investment income, net of loan interest, amounted to £141.0m (1978 £124.3m) representing an increase of 13.4%, but, after allowing for the effect of changes in rates of exchange and other factors, the underlying increase was 21.4%.

Life profits were higher at £16.6m compared with £15.0m in 1972

with £15.0m in 1978.

Underwriting results deteriorated during 1979, producing a loss of £21.3m compared with a profit of £2.9m in 1978, This deterioration was largely due to our underwriting experience in the United States, where, as generally expected, results worsened. In the United Kingdom and Canada underwriting profits were achieved, but the Netherlands again sustained a substantial underwriting loss as did a number of our operations in Europe. Marine and aviation business written in the London market made a satisfactory profit of £2.5m in comparison with the unusually high profit reported in 1978 of

MAJOR TERRITORIES United Kingdom

Underwriting in the UK produced a profit of £3.5m compared with £3.8m in 1978. The dull economic conditions during the

year, coupled with an excess of underwriting

year, coupled with an excess of underwriting capacity, resulted in vigorous competition for brisiness. This affected premium rates adversely and hence profit margins.

Despite these pressures, we achieved real growth (ie in excess of inflation) in most of the significant classes, especially fire and motor, and the total premium increase for the year was

Fire experience was adversely affected by an increase in the number of large fires and by losses arising from bad weather which occurred at the beginning and at the end of the year. Motor business remained profitable and there was a marked improvement in the liability

Life profits in the UK amounted to £7.1m (1978 £5.7m). A valuation of the Northern Non-Participation Life Fund was carried out at 31 December 1979 and a surplus of £18m has been transferred to shareholders' funds. A profit of £6m will thus be released to the profit and loss account in each of the years 1980, 1981 and 1982 compared with £4m for each of the three years following the valuation at the end of 1976. All these amounts are net of taxation.

Start Starting

There was an underwriting loss in the United States of £8.3m compared with a profit of £7.7m in 1978. Investment income increased to £46.5m (1978 £44.6m).

During 1979 the insurance industry entered a period of increasing competition with consequential pressure on premium rates at a time of rising inflation in the economy.

Furthermore, industry losses from catastrophes were the highest for many years and included the cost of two severe

hurricanes, David and Frederick. Accordingly, a downturn in the underwriting results of the industry occurred and we shared to some extent in this general deterioration in market experience.

Our operating ratio on a statutory basis was 102.5% (1978 98.5%).
We have continued to support the

Independent Agency System by providing our agents with an effective means of marketing, underwriting and controlling their personal and commercial lines business. We have also improved our methods of controlling and handling claims. In general, our objective has been to provide a service to our agents of the highest standard with a view to developing for them, and for us, portfolios of a high quality. This policy has been well received by our agents and has contributed materially to an increase in premiums in local currency of some 13% compared with an average premium growth for the industry of about 11% during 1979. At the same time we consider our claims experience to be acceptable in present market conditions.

Australia 🕝

Underwriting experience in Australia continued to be unprofitable, producing a loss of £2.3m compared with a loss of £1.7m in 1978. Investment income was £7.0m (1978 £7.9m). Premium income in local currency increased by

4%. It was announced on 13 February 1980 that we have agreed in principle with the National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Limited (NML) to integrate our general business interests in Australia and New Zealand, and to transfer to NML our life business in those countries. It is intended that NML will acquire from us such number of shares in Commercial Union Assurance Company of Australia Limited (CUA) as will leave both NML and ourselves

Premium income _

Loan interest ____

Profit before tax....

Investment income

Life profits
Underwriting result

Associated companies' earnings

Profit attributable to shareholders____

Taxation and minorities

Dividend per share (net) ____

Earnings per share ____

Shareholders' funds.

with an equal shareholding of between 42% and 46% each. In New Zealand, the non-life business of Commercial Union of New Zealand Limited and NML will be transferred to a newly and NML will be transferred to a newly incorporated general insurance company, in which we and NML will have a 40% interest, and CUA a 20% interest. It is hoped that the above arrangements will be completed by September 1980. We believe that the association with NML will strengthen our operations and enable us to provide a more comprehensive service in both Australia and New Zealand.

Canada

The underwriting result in Canada was a profit of £.4m (1978 £.1m). Investment income increased to £8.8m (1978 £8.2m).

Competition has been intense and conditions generally have not been conducive to growth. Accordingly our premium income in local currency increased by only 2%.

Netherlands

In the Netherlands there was little change in the underwriting result of our subsidiary, Delta-Lloyd Verzekeringsgroep NV, which sustained a loss of £10.7m compared with £11.4m in 1978. Investment income increased to £20.7m (1978 £19.6m) and life profits were slightly higher at £8.2m (1978 £8.0m).

FINANCIAL

During the year there was a significant rise in the value of sterling against most other currencies, including those of the four major territories in which we operate. The effect of changes in rates of exchange reduced the profit attributable to shareholders by approximately £5m and resulted in a reduction in shareholders' funds of £32m. The consequent effect on our solvency margin was, however, negligible.

Exchange controls which had been in existence for some 40 years were abolished by the present Government in October 1979. Whilst the needs of British companies operating in overseas markets have been understandingly considered by the Bank of England during the existence of controls, the improved ability which we now have to plan ahead for overseas capital commitments is very welcome.

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22.34p

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1978 £m

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Borrowings

During the year our non-life borrowings During the year our non-life borrowings were reduced by £79.4m to £134.8m and the debt to equity ratio (ie borrowings expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds) fell from 33% to 19%. This reduction resulted from the repayment of £26.0m of borrowings following the sale of various European properties, and from a final repayment of £19.7m in connection with the mortgage on the Boston building. The net effect of changes in rates of exchange was to reduce existing borrowings by £12.8m from the previous year. previous year.

CONCLUSION

The worsening trends in underwriting results - more particularly in the United States but also in the world reinsurance and marine and aviation markets - show that the current problems of the insurance industry are largely caused by a combination of increasing competition and inflation. Competition is continuing to force down rates of premium at the same time as inflation is pushing up the cost of claims. Profitable results will only be obtained through the restoration of underwriting standards which enable premiums to rise to a level that at least matches the effects of inflation on claims, but I see few signs of an early return to responsible market behaviour in this respect.

to responsible market behaviour in this respect.
Inflation, of course, also has adverse effects on operating costs, and it is possible to offset these through the achievement of growth in premium income at a rate greater than the rate of inflation. The dilemma is, however, that growth of this order cannot at present be obtained without the acceptance of lower underwriting standards, which would mean that the beneficial effect on costs would be more than offset by further deterioration in claims offset by further deterioration in claims

experience.
Our objective must therefore be to achieve as nearly as we can a reasonable balance between these conflicting requirements. This involves careful forward planning both for the short and longer term. We have developed practical planning procedures for the attainment of controlled growth which are beginning to prove themselves in practice, and we aim to refine and improve them. In this we are already seeing the benefits of our investment in sophisticated data processing systems of which full advantage is being taken by our skilled management and staff both in Head Office and throughout the world. This is demonstrated by our results for the year under review, which can be regarded as satisfactory in last year's adverse market conditions.

I believe that the problems we have faced in 1979 will continue and may well be even greater in the immediate future than they have been in the recent past, but I am confident that in the longer run sanity will be restored and that the current adverse market trends will be reversed.
This will happen all the sooner if, as I believe,
the world-wide economic recession begins to be
reflected in a slowing down of growth in investment income which hitherto has provided too soft a cushion against losses incurred on

underwriting.
Against this background, we are committed to growth, but only to profitable growth, and, where we see the opportunities for this, we shall take them in 1980.



RESULTS IN BRIEF

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Equities retreat as rally fails to materialize

quarters following the Budget on Wednesday failed to as materialize yesterday equities retreated in the wake had little effect on the drug

Dealers were left in a quandry on Wednesday night by the Chancellor's speech which failed to give the expected short-term boost to sentiment. Jobbers had decided to suspend trading until yesterday morning so that they could have time to digest the Government's package and read the initial press reaction.

In the event, prices reacted erratically at first with the index sliding 1.0 at 9.30. However, by 10 am when the gilt market resumed, things took a turn for the worse and prices fel back dramatically in line with Government stock.

reported very little selling pressure, although some lines of stock were in evidence floating about the market. One leading jobber described the problem as more a case of investment starvation than

arge selling. In spite of this some of the more specialized sectors singled out for treatment in the Budget did suffer. These included ails, stores, drinks, leisure and less-

ing companies.
With the end of the financial year coming nearer, brokers were able to take heart from the growing amount of "bed and breakfast" deals, which are always numerous at this time

of the year. The weakness of sterling and another setback on commodity markets with Wall Street going into reverse after a bright start overnight ware other contribut-ing factors which added up to a radier nervous session.

Gold shares too came in for further marking down as the bullion price dipped \$34.5 to

\$473 an ounce. Jobbers in gilts were still undecided over the outcome of the Budget when dealings resumed later than normal at

But the apparent lack of indication as to when interest rates were likely to fall soon pushed prices lower in thin trading, although once again there was no real selling pressure. The general indication was that there was still a lot of money floating about and the fund managers would be unable to sit

on it for much longer.

So prices were left to drift throughout the day. In longs, falls of around £; were soon established and were extended around \mathfrak{E}_{2}^{1} . In shorts losses around \mathfrak{E}_{2}^{1} were expanded to Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pen ce per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. *=Ioss. †=after tax.

In equities leading indus-

trials were as dull after the Budger as they had been the day before it. The case in the prace of a prescription to £1 companies, but despite signs of a slight technical rally after hours prices again closed on the bottom. This left the FT Index closing 12.0 off at 423.1, its low of the day and its biggest fall since November 14 last

A fall of 8p was reported in Glazo et 242p, with a loss of 5p in Unilever at 411p, and set backs of 4p in ICI at 366p, Blue

Mail order analysts are busy lowering profit forecasts for Grattan (where UDS has 4.99 per cent) again. Earnings for the year to January 31 now in the region of £3m against £6m at the last count and £6.8m Nevertheless, market traders last time. The shares closed 10p down at 64p.

> Circle Industries at 288p and Distillers at 197p. Beechams eased a couple of pence to 116p but Fisons held steady at 267p.
> Active trading was witnessed in shares of Dunlop, with more than 250,000 that had been overbanging the market in the morning mopped up by around

Austin Reed

APV Hidgs (F)

Arthur Bell (I)

Ass Book Pubs (F)

Arcliffe Hidgs (F)

Bine Bird Conf (I)

Brit Mohair (F)

Carpets Int (F)

Charterhouse (F)

Centrovincial (1)

House of Fraser (F)

Alex Rowden (F)

Tardine Japan (F)

Mixconcrete (F)

Percy Lane (F)

Leyland Paint (F)

Samuel Props (1)

Municipal Props (F)

W. Mowat & Sons (1) 0.13(0.07)

Sanderson Murray (I) 2.2(1.9)

Thursar Bardex (F) 6.5(5.6)

Walker & Homer (1) 3.5(3.0)

Western Motor (F) 31.5(27.4)

Yorks Chemicals (F) 24.6(22.3)

Sidney C. Banks (1) 26.5(24.9)

Manders

Offrex (F)

Lucas (I)

41.3(38.2)

30.5(27.9)

4.7(3.8)

5.63(5.61)

95.2(87.7)

122.0(115.0)

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51.87(49.12)

40.1(34.0)

44.4(40.3)

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567.0(570.0)

261.5(247.8)

113.0(104.0)

106-03(95.5)

Banks opened up in fine hoped will show something by was the worst hit, shedding fettle released from the fears special in the light of the hid 5p to 36p.

of a windfall tax being introanced duced. Prices raced earlier on but were unable to resist the general trend of the market and were soon retreat-

Lleyds at 290p and Midland at 308p led the way with net falls of 5p followed by Nat West, 3p off at 308p, and Barclays, 2p lighter at 406p.

The enthusiasm that greeted shares in the drinks sector in the run-up to the Budget feded out yesterday. Dealers felt that most of the early trading had seen a rather speculative ele-ment that had been hoping for the market to improve after the Chancellor's speech.

The decision to put 2p on a pint of beer was shrugged off by pint of beer was surragged on by most of the breweries, although Bass eased 3p to 216p as did Arthur Guinness at 85p, while Scottish & Newcastle stipped 2p to 544p and Allied 14p to 72p. In distillers the 50p a bottle increase was at the lower end of expectations but still they foll Inverged on dinned 2p to fell. Invergordon dipped 2p to 219p, as did Arthur Bell at 164p following the intermin state-ment. Highland Distillers were 3p lighter at 122p shead of figures next week which it is

Latest results

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Grindlays

A strong place in world banking

In his statement to shareholders on the 1979 results of Grindlays Bank

Limited, the Chairman, Mr Nigel Robson, said: "...the group's standing and position in world banking is

stronger now than it has ever been."

Deposits £m

Total Advances £m

Deposits at the end of 1979 were £3195 million - up 135

contributions to profits. The more recently

established operations in Europe, the Far

East and the Americas are all expanding and

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Grindlays Bank Group continues to build its East and Africa continued to make strong

areas of the group in South Asia, the Middle offer considerable scope for future growth.

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Grand Met was 5p lower at sion left stores lower, authough 121p, but it also had to worry once again selling was light about the new tax system for appetitions. House of Fraser to the first provided nervous and the followed by ess in shares such at Ladbroke, 3p lighter at 122, and Associated Leisure which was 11p off at 901p. Coral Leisure held steady

The new rules over leasing The new rules over lessing and capital allowance provided leasing companies with a bout of indigestion as some selling developed. Television companies

A rare event: a buy recommen-dation for Woohoorth's Stockbrokers Capel Cure Myers say a more aggressive interest by its American parent should help lift performance. In the market, Woohoorth's tempting freehold sites are reckoned to have brought takeover approaches from two United Kingdom com-panies, but chairman Mr Geoffrey Rogers says it is the first he has heard of it.

were all essier with Thorn-EMI 20p lower at 296p, Electronic Rentals down 8p to 99p and Granada off 11p at 154p. Among the car leasing companies Hen-

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recovery **Holdings**

Boets, 4p softer at 176p, and Marks & Spencer, 1p lighter at mained unchanged at 36p even on the news that Amey had increased its stake once again

to 9.07 per cent to country of £4.000. the recent dilution of its interest through scrip issues. Shares of Kitchen Queen continue to recover, closing 1p higher at 191p with suggestions circulating that things might not be as bad as first feared. A hearish circular from brokers Capel-Cure Myers did not help mail order groups with Freemans down 2p at 122p and Grattans 100 lower at 640. Among companies reporting, Lucas Industries surprised the

market with interim profits more than halved, although the dividend was maintained. The es fell 10p to 210p. Others to lose ground after trading ments included Associated Book Publishers, down 8p to 178p, Carpents International, down 34p to 274p, Friedland Doggart, 3p to 93p, and Percy Lane, 2p to 33p.

However, full-year figures from APV were well received, rising 10p to 178p along with Bestobell, up 2p to 224p, Mix-concrete, up 3p to 75p, and Ofrex, 1p to 110p.

dipped 2p to 134p followed by

Combined English Stores re-

Shares of R. Paradise returned from suspension 3p lower at 21p after dropping initially to 13p following terms from R. & J. Pullman. Akroyd & Smithers were unchanged at 248p after news that British Rail had acquired 6 per cent but fading bid hopes wiped 6p from Montague Meyer at 105p as profit taking knocked Auto-motive Products 7p at 75p. The closure of its Glasgow factory clipped 4p from Gee Basset at

Heavy selling in oils following the rise in PRT left EP 14p down at 336p and Shell 12p lower at 326p. The latest terms for Viking Oil from Sun Oil came too late for the market where the theres remained where the shares remained suspended at 1,090p.

In golds, Anglo American plunged \$3 to \$69 and West Drictontain \$4 to \$61½, Cons Gold tumbled 18p to 469p. Equity turnever on March 26 was £72.683m (12,273 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were, National Westminster Bank, Lloyds Bank, BP, Shell, GEC, ICI and Premier Cons.

Surprise :

APV Holdings had a pleasant surprise yesterday. The interim statement pointed to the first downturn after ten years of up-swing, thanks to the strong pound. Instead, 1979 turnover rose by more than 5 per cent to £261.5m, and pretax profits by just 5 per cent to £19.03m even though interest charges rose from £1.43m to £2.21m. Associsted companies pulled round from losses of £74,000 to profits

As the halfway stage pre-tax profits were 9 per cent down at £7.7m, even though sales were 5 per cent shead at £120.9m. Apart from the appreciation of the pound against the dollar which was graphed to dollar which was expected to define profits in the United States, where APV makes more than one third of its money, the engineering strike was supposed to hurt business, too. Hence the chairman's forecast last September of a profits fail. The advance in fully diluted

earnings was only from 36.8p to 37.7p, but the gross dividend goes up from 9.4p to 12p.

Some of the credit for the progress in profits goes to their statement after conversion at average exchange rates rather than year-end ones. On year-end rates profits would have been £18.52m after exchange losses of £760,000.

Orders won last year rose 14 per cent to £261m but the board expects any headway this year to come from abroad. Meanwhile the shares rose 10p to

Options

Dealers were in a much more cheerful mood yesterday after the Chancellor's decision to reat traded options as equity warrants rather than wested

But in the quiet conditions total contracts could reach only 847 compared with 803.
Dealers were quick to point out
that the transformation of the market would not take place overnight.

However, they would halped by certain proposals being discussed by the Stock Exchange Council These include increasing the market with another five series, reviewing the less active stocks now traded and introducing " puts among existing series.

In addition, it hopes to change the rules to allow muschange the rules to allow trustees of pension funds to write options

No recovery at Carpets International

Carpets International's hopes of an improved second half turn out to have been misplaced. A sharp down in the United Kingdom dragged pretax profits in the closing six months down from £3.1m to

iust £1.35m. After the more than halved first half profits of £0.67m, fullyear profits are down 55 per cent to £2.02m, yet again under-lining how cyclical the group

has become. The chief culprit is United Kingdom side, where profits simped from £5m to £1.7m despite some price rises and only a marginal drop in

Carpet International is also pointing an accusing finger at the concentration of carpet retailers in the United Kingion, with three groups now handling more than a third of

On top of all that the com-pany is still having teething troubles with its new chromo-

a further £850,000 from III Kingdom profits in the se

A happier picture em from overseas where Aust. has reduced losses from £ to £0.4m. New Zealand's Fe however, has been written (.. to book value and the ho in the South African Ron

has been sold.

After earlier liquidity f ridden the trials relatively with stocks marginally un year end and gearing, de a bulge in borrowing of the year which pushed int charges up from £1.In 23.6m, only some three r higher at 61 per cent Faced with an unco dividend on last year's dist two-thirds to 1.1p gross y the yield at 27-in, down yesterday, of 131 per reflects the group's own expectations of what 1980 bring.

North Sea oil boosts profits at Charterhouse

By Peter Wilson-mish Growing revenues from North Sea oil and a much improved contribution from the banking arm—Charterhouse Japhet— provided the main impetus beand the Charterhouse Group's 37 per cent rise in 1979 attribut-

37 per cent rise in 1979 attributable profits to £8.82m.

The year's gross dividend rises by only 6 per cent to 5.85p, but the shares closed 2p higher yesterday at 72p.

Pretax profits, excluding the bank which is only consolidated at the net level, were 9 per cent higher at £10.3m after a £2.14m

rise in interest charge £8.24m. Lower profits from surance broking and the re-facturing division were by increases in develor capital and distribution servces, with most of the r profits coming from the division.

Stated earnings per were 35 per cent high 9.25p. This, of course, inc hie banking contrib the banking contribution from the factor of the more at £1.33m net of the transfers to inner rest boosted by high demand

Sun steps up Viking bid

The widely runnoured new value Viking £1 share bid for Viking Oil whose shares, around 1225p a share. dealt in under Ruie 163(3), were suspended on Tuesday, has come from Sun Co Inc. formerly Sun Oil of Pennsylvania.

sylvania.

The new offer, backed by Viking, sdvised by The British Linen Bank, is one of oil royalty unit in Sun and either 625p in cash or 625p nominal of variable rate ioun notes 1985 of Sun. (The old bid was 54 a share and an unspecified royalty payment.) The terms

Apart from Viking's (tors other shareholders (ad Morgan Grenfell has 2 per take irrevocable acceptance to 51.06 per cent, so it s unlikely that there will be another revision of an already recommended secon diargest group in 100

Wall Street value, and is its first acquisition

Yorks Chemicals' 18pc decline

Chemicals feel by 13 per cent some form of Gesteiner family dise which had been given by to £980,000 in calendar 1979 on meeting on the subject.

"I have to say now that the in Paradise. Pulman now owns sales up by a tench to £24.6m.
However a change in depreciation policy, which lowered the suggestion has no foundation in policy, which lowered the in fact and that the only Gestett-1979 change flatters the results.
Had this new policy been applied in 1978, profits for that year would have been £460,000 higher. So the underlying decline in profits was 42 per cent. The year's gross dividend was 6.92p, compared with 7.07p.
Profits of the group, which makes dyes for the textiles industry, were struck after a 15 per cent rise in interest charges

per cent rise in innerest charges to £1.05m and restized exchange losses of £844,000 against £358,000.

Sales for the first two months of 1980 are ahead, but the group warns that changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates could impact on profits again and recovery in the world tex-tiles industry is still uncertain. andustry is still uncertain.

Sidney C. Banks progress

Sales of grain merchants and seed specialists, Sidney C. Banks rose from £24.96m to £26.55m in the half-year to November 30, 1979. Pretax profits were up from £545,000 to £569,000. Raising the interim dividend from 2.14p to 2.5p gross, the chairman, Mr J. B. Godber, feels confident that the pretax profits for the current 11-month period should equal the previous 12 months (£711,000).

Third-month Gesteiner sailes 20 per cent up

Turnover of Gestetner Hold-ings, the international repro-graphics equipment and supplies group, was almost 20 per cent up in the third month, January, of the current year. January, of the current year.
Disclosing this at the annual
meeting in London, Mr Jonathan Gesterner, joint chairman, rebutted reports that the com-pany might lose its indepen-

Business appointments

The textile companies in the British Mohair Spinners group experienced "the worst trading conditions for very many years" in 1979, the board reported yesterday. The upshot was that pressur profits dropped by 46 per cent, from 1978's record £2.82m to £1.51m.

Total sales slipped from Total sales supped from \$25.81m to \$25.53m. The total dividend is being lifted from 4.53p to 5.38p gross.

Record £5m profit for Ofrex Group

Despite absorbing exchange losses in excess of £1m, Ofrex Group reports a record pretax profit for 1979 of £5.044m (£4.923m). And shareholders are rewarded with a 23 per cent increase in total net dividends, a 3p final (£3.9p) being recommended, for a total of 4.4p, against 3.6p last year.

Sales advanced to £44.473m (£40.339m) leaving margins. (£40.339m) leaving margins, after discounting the currency losses, an unchanged 12 per

R & J Pullman offer for B Paradise

Following the announcement made on March 24, 1980, R. & J. Pullman has purchased from certain directors and family shareholders of B. Paradise, a further 423,550 Ordinary shares of 10p each of Paradise, representing about 33.9 per cent of the issued capital, at 3p per share. In addition Pullman has assumed responsibility for personal guarantees of £150,000 re-

786,050 shares in Paradise (62.9 per cent). In accordance with the terms of the City Code on Take-overs and Mergers, Pullman will make an offer for all the shares of Paradise which all the snares of Paradise which it does not already own. The terms will be 10p cash per Para-dise share which is the same as Pullman's purchase price per share for the initial sharehold-ing in Paradise acquired last October.

Lidstone in talks with trusts Butchers and Poultry group

Lidstone, said yesterday it was in takeover talks with trusts connected with a Mr Jack Walker and Associates, but refused to reveal further details of the potential buyers. Com-pany secretary Mr J. Alastair Fordyce said: "I am refusing to give any more details." Lidto give any more details." Lidstone chairman, Mr Gerald Stitcher was also chairman of the small Smithfield meat firm of Gilmore & Partners which went out of business last December with debts of £1.8m. His total personal stake in Lidstone is worth £456,984 at the stated likely bid price of £2.80 a share.

SGB takes over

hoists group

Contractors' Services Group, part of the SGB Group, has purchased the business and assets of Kilner Plant Hire of Wingates, Westhoughton, near Bolton, Lancashire, The acquisi-tion, which also includes certain Group, has been made for a consideration of £475,000 from the receivers of the Norplant Holdings Group. Kilner Plant Hire has for many years specialized in the hire, erection and instal-lation of a wide range of goods

Changes at BR Property Board

Mr Douglas Barber has been appointed by British Rall Property Board as director (development) and Mr John L. Sampson becomes director (sales). The appointments follow the retirement of the present managing director, Mr Robert Dashwood, and the appointment of Mr Gavin Simpson as his

Mr G. Ferguson Lacey joins the board of Bernard Wardle and Co, joins the board as a non-executive director.

director.

Board appointments for two recently formed Hawker Siddeley companies are: Hawker Siddeley Rail, Sir Arnold Hall, chairman: Mr G. S. W. Calder, Mr J. M. Mr Gordon Morrison, chairman of Burber, Mr E. J. Harris, Mr A. J. of Barr and Stroud, has also become chairman of Pikington T. W. B. Sallitt, Mr L. E. Thompore Son, Mr E. J. White and Mr F. H. of the Pikington Optical Division. Wood. Hawker Siddeley Rail Pre-

Mr G. S. W. Calder, managing director; Mr F. H. Beasant and on rector; Mr F. H. Beasant and Mr H. Howard. Part-time directors are: Mr R. C. Ballantync, Mr P. J. S. Fordham, Mr E. F. T. jenkins, Mr R. L. McCaldum, Mr D. Pollock, Mr E. J. Harris and Mr B. G. Sephton.

Mr J. M. Sim has ceased to be an exception.

an executive director of Incheape & Co but remains on the board as a non-executive deputy chairman.

Dr J. S. McFarlane and Mr
M. W. A. Chester have been made directors of Guest Keen and Net-ticolds (UK),

Sir Leo Pilatzky has been

appointed part-time member of the board of British Airways. Mr Gordon Morrison, chairman of Barr and Stroud, has also become chairman of Pilkington

group managing director. Mr John Robb has been appointed to the board and Dr John Paxton has Joined as a non-executive director. Dr Percy Allaway has been elected chairman of the Council of Engineering Institutions and Mr Bryan Hildrew vice-chairman for 1980-81.

Mr P. N. Randell becomes a fulltime member of the board of the National Research Development Corporation from April 1 1980, He will continue as the corporation's

The Earl of Euston has been appointed a director of Smith St. Aubyn & Company (Holdings). Mr Croker Nevin has been made

a non-executive director of BOC International.

Mr Ronald George Hooker has been elected a non-executive director of James Austin Steel Hold-

Briefly

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Friedland Doggart Group:
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(1.8p) gross. Leyland Paint and Wallpap

Leyland Paint and Wallpan
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Jardine Japan Investment Trugroosses to inflice the trust in

proposes to utilize the trust in Jardine Japan Fund, an ope ended fund based in Honekon Profit for 1979, £219.0 (£136,000) after tax. Tot dividend, 2.57p gross (1.49p).

Coates Brothers' turnover rose 195.23m last year, compared wi 1979* £87.71m. Prdetax profit 58.49m (£9.42m). Total divider raised from 2.75p to 4.23p. Welf Electric Tools (Holdings). Weif Electric Tools (Holdings)
Turnover for 1979, £19.11:
(£18.4m). Pretax profit, £2.66:
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from 2.05 to 3.92p gross.
Austin Reed Group: Turnover for
year to January 31, £41.34:
(£38.28). Trading profit, befor
tax, £3.29m (£3.21m). Total gros
dividend raised from 4p (adjusted to 4.8p.

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Cumulative Retained Earnings

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Profits and retained earnings While not up to the record

level of 1978, last year's results were satisfactory and

permitted a further strengthening of the group's capital base in the last four years a total of £62 million in retained carnings has been added to group capital resources which

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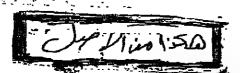
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30	Armitage & Rhodes	31	+1	3.8	12.3	*2.0
35	Recdon Hill	253	+3		5.5	*7.4
32	County Cars Pref	82		15.3	18.7-	
53	Deborah Ord	97	+2		5.2	10.7
38	Frank Horsell	105	+2	7.9	7.5	6.5
38	Frederick Parker	100	+1	12.8	12.8	*4.6
JΖ	George Blair	106	+1	16.5	15.6	*
45	Jackson Group	70	_	. 5.2	7.4	*4.1
13	James Burrough	115	-1	7.2	6.3	10.1
42	Robert Jenkins	255		31.3	12.3	*8.1
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23	Unilock Holdings	45		2.5	5.8	9.6
42	Walter Alexander	95	+1	4.4	4.6	6.3
36	W. S. Yeates	182	_	11.5	6.3	7.1

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BEAUMONT PROPERTIES LIMITED

Sir Cyril Black reports on the year ended 30th September 1979

Results for the year 1978 1979 £ 1,270,975 1,124,486 ofit before tax 537,605 640,078

areholders funds 15,672,402 15,256,734 Profit before tax increased by £146,000. "Gross" dividend payable increased by 11% - this follows upon dividends increased annually by 10%

over 10 years. During year added to existing properties and purchased new properties at total cost of £3,156,000.

st of Dividends

Have agreed purchases of new properties amounting to £1,500,000 which should be completed during current financial year. Building work of Phase III in major development at Sale, Cheshire, now started. This consists of 1 large and 3 small shop units with approximately 14,500

sq. ft. of offices. Revaluation of Group's property portfolio to be carried out as at 30th September 1980.

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New York, March 26.—The stock marker pulled back over a wide area in active trading this morning. Declines led advances ten-to-one and the Dow Jones industrial average lost nine points.

Analysis said the late sell-off yesterday disappointed many traders and produced more selling this morning. Meanwhile, they said, high interest rates and inflation and fears of a recession remain negatives.

Gold and silver issues were weak

main negatives.

Gold and silver issues were weak as were the oil and defence groups. Asa Ltd lost 2½ to 37½ and Callahan Mining 4½ to 28½. Several alver issues had yet to trade.

March 26: The Dow Jones industrial average closed 5.71 points down at 762.12.

Cocoa down 1.2 cents

The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Wednesday's close. Later publications is caused by the change to Britishe summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

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Discount market

Bank of England assistance on a large scale was finally needed yesperday after it had initially looked as if the houses might enjoy a comparatively comfortable credit asssion. The authorities bought a small amount of Treasury bills and corporation bills direct from the houses, and also lent a large sum oversight at 17 per cent MLR to three or four houses.

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Houses generally paid between 162 and 17 per cent for funds throughout the day, although one or two were fortunes in being able to find balances down at 162 per cent towards the finish.

All the day's identified factors were described as small. On the plus side, Government disbursements exceeded Revenue transfers to the Exchequer. But this was omweighed by loan repayments to the Bank, ran-down belances carried over from Wednesday, the re-purchase of bills from the authorities, and a net take-up of Treasury Bills.

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Foreign exchange report

The follar had a very good day on foreign exchange markets yesterday closing near or at its best levels against most major currencies. Sterling finished the session 2.05 cents lower at 2.1755 compared with 2.1960 overnight, while its trade weighted index slipped to 72.5 from 72.9 at Wednesday's night's final calculation.

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Sterling Spot and Forward



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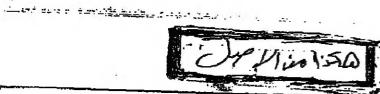
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What could have been an auto-matic boom in the early 1970s was dashed by the oil crisis, and while the new car market has recovered from those dark years of 1974-75, enthusiasm for automatics has remained limited. The oil crisis only helped to underline the reasons why automatic boxes are shunned by nearly nine new car buyers out of

One factor that has been particularly emphasized in the last few years is that they tend to use more fuel. The penalty is not great, on average between 5 and 10 per cent, and it can be mitigated by careful driving. But in an energy-saving climate anything that increases fuel consumption must be at a disadvan-

A more general and, ultimately, more important consideration is that an automatic box is an expensive extra that adds significantly to the cost of the car. Moreover, it will do lively for the second-hand value do little for the second-hand value of the vehicle. The cost argument is particularl yrelevant at the popular end of the market.

Take the Ford Escort, which after the Cortina is the second best-selling British car. The extra cost of an automatic box is about £360, which for a middle-range Escort, if four-door 1300, represents 10 per cent of the purchase price. On a Mini automatic transmission is even more expensive, raising the price of the 1000 by £448, or nearly 16 percent.

No wonder, then, that the take-up of automatics increases with the size and price of the car. Remembering that the overall figure for 1979 was

12.3 per cent, we have Saah taking 24.6 per cent, the 200 series Volvos 47.4 per cent, the Rover 2600 53 per cent and the Jaguar/Daimler six cylinders (where manual and automatic boxes are the same price) 98.7 per cent.

Another point is that an automaric box means some loss of performance, slower acceleration and a lower top speed. However, I would not put that very high on the list; top speeds are fairly academic and with the help of the kickdown an automatic one give more than adequate occeleration where it matters most, for quick, safe overtaking.

Having put the case against automatics. I must now give the other side. Automatic driving is more relaxing, becauses it gives the driver less to worry about, and by the same token it is arguably safer, since the driver's attention is not distracted from the road by the need to change gear. This has special relevance in town driving, where concentration has to be of

My feeling is that if automatic boxes could be offered to the motorist at more or less the same price as manual transmission, that 12 per cent figure would leap up

People I know who have made the switch to automatic often say they would not go back to a manual shift, fuel-saving or not. Autometic, they contend, is the more civilized way to drive.

That is why a development recently announced by the component manufacturer, Automotive Products, could, have great



Sports car flavour-the Vauxhall Astra Hatchback.

significance. The company has devised a way of making automatic boxes by converting manual units with the addition of a second clutch and micro-electronic controls.

The process is not only cheaper than the conventional method but it produces a box that goes a long way towards removing the traditional penalties of higher fuel consumption and loss of performance. AP is trying to sell the idea to car manufacturers, and the response will be interesting.

What strikes one immediately about the new Astra is that there are only two versions, a five-door hanchback and an estate, with no choice of trim level, and that both are expensive for a 1.3 litre. The explanation lies in Vauxhall's model policy, which in turn is determined by what happens at Opel, the General Motors sister company in Germany.

Road test: Vauxhall Astra Hatchback

Under GM rationalisation, today's Opel is tomorrow's Vauxhell. As the old Opel Kadett became the British Chevette, so the new Kadett has spawned the Astra. But while Opel decided that the new Kadett would be a straight replacement for the previous one, Vanchall is to keep the Chevette going "well into the 1980s", and has knuched the Astra as an additional model.

Since the two cars occupy much the same part of the market, there was a danger that the more modern and advanced Astra (it is the first Would simply take Chevetre sales.
So the Astra is being presented as an up-market model that should not sh, particularly as there is no

Potential buyers wise to that ploy

can, of course, simply choose from the much wider Opel range. It is virtually the same car, and as the Astra, for the time being at least, is also imported from Germany, patrionism is not at stake. Kadett prices start at 53,330, while the Astra costs £4,373 for the estate and £4,602 for the hatchback (a rare example of an estate being cheaper).

After that lengthy preamble, let me say that the Astra is a fine car. Its introduction represents a further strengthening of the Vauxhall range, which has improved enormously since those days, not so long ago, when all it offered were the Victor and the Viva.

Use of front-wheel drive and a

cross-mounted engine allows maximum release of interior space, and there is more room in this car than in the Chevette, which is several inches longer overall. The engine is a new overhead camshaft design, with lively performance belying its modest 1297cc: 0 to 60 mph acceleration in under 15 seconds, impressive top gear flexibility and a maximum speed of 98 mph.

There is something of a sports car rose when the car is driven at all hard through the gears, but for some drivers that will increase the appeal, and a low top-gear ratio means that the engine is working busily at cruising speeds. Road noise can be intrusive as well. Consumption is helped by a favourable series tion is helped by a favourable aerodynamic shape, with sloping bonnet and cur-off rail, and most owners should get at least 30 to 35 mpg. If the engine makes the Astra sound like a sports car, the handling makes it feel like one. The car has the characteristically taut German

feel, holding doggedly to the road and cornering crisply with virtually

no bodyroll.

Thanks in part to the fitting of front and rear spoilers, it is also a very stable vehicle, as I discovered in high winds on the motorway. There is a pleasant gear change and

light steering.

The ride is on the firm side and those who prefer soft French springing must look elsewhere. But the car is far from uncomfortable. Seats are well shaped and there is adequate leg and head room in the back. Unusually for a hatchback, the tailgate extends down to floor

level and the rear seat can be folded down to increase load space.
As on the Kadett, I was not greatly impressed by the heating system, but the rear screen wash/wipe is a useful item and other standard features include a radio, quartz clock and head restraints.

Softening the Blow

Although the Chancellor's 10p a gallon on petrol, hoisting the cost of four-star to beyond £1.30 in most areas, sounds harsh, the full effect may not be felt. The mild winter has meant that there is a surplus of petrol, while price increases over the past year or so have produced bigger margins for the retailer.

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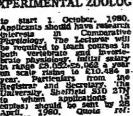
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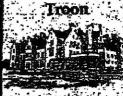
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10.45 Film: Night of the Iguara* (1964). Richard Burton plays a defrocked priest staying with a group of colourful characters in a remote Mexican hotel. From Tennessee Williams's powerful play, directed by John Huston, and also starring Ava Gardner. Deborah Kerr and Sue Lyon. Ends at 12.50 am.*

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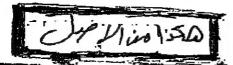
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TV, 12.30, except for ATV, which transmits it next es the last of Peter Fiddick's highly entertaining, if dazzling, essays about the people on, and behind, mited box in front of which most of us spend far meed now in front of which most of us spend far fig. With the race now on for the ITV franchises, Mr dies the whole of his valedictory programme to the cit the contenders for contracts set about their cliff-itiess. The final decision rests with the Independent y Authority, whose director of television, Colin Shaw, and this magnitude.

it week's scene setting episode, in which Magnus presented his credentials for the job of writer and likings! (BBC 2, 8.30) really gets down to business. Norwegian boat people start paying their surprise peaceful acres of northern England, and some of the Christian world is theirs for the taking. Not , this second instalment of Mr Magnusson's series features the Norsemen's ships, a replica of which approach to the Viking exhibition at the British

nits (BBC 2, 11.45), the science-fiction series which ht, is new to Britain, old to America where devotees speak highly of it. It is in black and white and has -gree : the director, Byron Haskin, previously directed Worlds, Conquest of Space and Robinson Crusoe

ve seen the Post-Impressionism exhibition at the any but still harbour doubts as to what, exactly, sionism is, Dr Barrie Bullen, of the University of ould put you right (Radio 3, 7.55).

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Attenborough film about fierce black gorillas and such (r); 5.35 Paddington: Michael Hordern tella the tale of Trouble at the Laun-

derette (r). 5,40 News: with Peter Woods:

dian chief.

TELEVISION Porte: reads another two stories by Beatrix Porter—the Tale of Mrs Tittlemouse and The Tale of Mrs Tiggywinkle; 4.45 Tarzan, Lord of

BBC 1 6.40 am Open University: Water masses; 7.05 Farming: Organic and intensive; 7.36 Dynamic Aspects of NMR. Closedown at 7.55.
9.05 For Schools, Colleges: Encounter: Germany, 9.25 Athlete (indoor graining); 9.52 Look and Read; 10.15 Maths-in-a-Box; 10.25 Color of World (the approximately)

16.35 Going to Work (the appren-tices); 11.00 Hyr o Fyd (Welsh programme); 11.40 Exploring Science (soil); 12.05 pm Your Own Business (taking a chance). 5.55 Nationwide: Includes Des-mond Lynam's Sportswide. 7.60 Young Maverick: A railroad baron tries to doublecross Ben Maverick and a poker-playing In-Closedown at 12.30. dian chief.
7.50 Butterflies: Domestic comedy series, starring Wendy Craig as the disorganized wife and mother. Tonight: wby she goes to church.
8.20 Breakaway: Last episode of Francis Durbridge's thriller serial The Local Affair. We discover who it was who kfiled Rita Black. With Martin Jarvis, Judy Geeson.
8.50 Points of View: Barry Took replies to viewers' letters, including a request for a two-hour documentary about the Sex Pistols.
9.00 News: with Bichard Baker.

12.45 News. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One Among today's guests is the American singer Jack Jones. Also, a history of Fair Isle knitting.

1.45 Mister Men: Mr Dizzy and Mr

Greedy (r).

2.02 For Schools, Colleges: Scene (interviews with young people, Catholic and Protestant, living in Belfast); 2.35 A Good Job with Prospects (caring for children)... Closedown at 3.00 Closedown at 3.60
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Not (the existence of God).

11.55 Cartoon Time: Going, Going, Gone; 12.00 A Handful of Songs; sung by Maria Morgan and Keith Field; 12.10 pm Once Upon a Time: Peter Davison tells the story of The Runaway Bun (r).

12.30 The Television Programme: Last of these invigorating reports by Peter Fiddick. How to become a television mogal, or how to apply for a franchise to run an independent relevision company. Very topical (see Personal Choice).

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2.00 After Noor Plus: The art of the comedian, explained to Mavis

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7.30 Five to One: Jilly Cooper, the columnist and novelist, is interviewed by five young people who want to know her views about class, the role of women and the profession of writing (see Personal Chaire)

BBC 2
6.40 am Open University: Grammar rules: 7.05 Computers—case studies; 7.40 Man-powered aircraft (3). Closedown at 7.55.
11.00 Play School: Same as BBC 1.
3.55. Close down at 11.25.
2.20 pm Racing from Alutree: Second day of the Ladbroke's Graud National meeting. We see the 2.35, 3.10, 3.45 and 4.20 races. Close down at 4.35.
4.50 Open University: Electrolytic chilorina cells; 5.15 Isotopes in geology; 5.40 ABC in Kansas City; 6.05 Brain structure and behaviour; 6.30 Kernes and war economy. Choice). 8.00 The One-Armed Baudit Mur-8.00 The One-Armed Baudit Murder: Second, and final, part of this
new investigation into the murder
of a gaming-machine collector, in
Tyneside in 1967. Two men, jailed
for the crime and now released
are interviewed by Stuart Prebble.
8.30 Vikings! Second of Magnus
Magnusson's 10 films about the
Viking world. The wild men from
Norway attack the north of England (see Personal Choice).
9.00 Pot Black: 30: First semi-final
for the trophy. Ray Reardon,
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11.38 News and weather.

11.45 The Onter Limits: Demon with a Glass Hand*. American science fiction stories. Earth is iovaded by aliens from the future. on a kidnapping mission. Directed by the Hollywood veteran, Byron Haskin. Ends at 12.40 am (see Personal Choice). Nicholson by Frankie Howerd and Richolson by France Howers and Kenny Everett. 2.45 Film: Mister Jericho, British comedy thriller about a jewel theft, with Patrick Macnee as an international con man. Also star-ring Connie Stevens and Herbert Low.

A.15 The Tomorrow People: Final episode of this children's serial. Living Skins. Earth is saved by John (r). 4.45 Magpie Lucy Perrett, cancelst, in training for Olympic cold. rett, canoeist, in framing average of the control of the canoeist summerial of the canoeist summerial of the canoeist summerial of the canoeist summer of the week-

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7.00 The Muppet Show: The human guest is the American singer and comedienne Carol Channing. She explains 10 Miss: Piggy why Diamonds are a Girl's Best Priend. 7.30 Play Your Cards Right:
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3.30 Pully Licensed for Singing and Dancing: Around the nightspots, with comedian Roy Walker.

10.30 Soap: More chapters from the highly improper life story of two American families, the Campbells and the Tates.

11.00 The London Programme: Presented by Godfrey Rodgoon. An investigation into Home Office plans to deport women brought to Britain in the early 1970s to do work nobody else would tackle.

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11.45 Pro-Celebrity Spooker: The
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5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.60-11.30 Study on 4: Introduc-tion to Arabic (1).

Radio 3 6.55 am (mw only) Weather. 7.05 News: 7.05 Records: Sibelius Monteverdi, Milbaud, Chopin, Wolf.† 8.00 News. 8.05 Records: Beethoven, Schubert, Telemann, Strauss.†

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2.00 News.
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3.02 Listen With Mother.
3.15 Play: The Temptation Game, (Sym 5).†
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2.30 Chamber music Lydiate.
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3.35 Chorus (BBC Singers): Barber, Copland + 4.10 Strings: Weiner, Sevendsen

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7.00 Record Milhaud.†
7.10 One Pair of Ears: review.
7.25 Play It Again: preview.†
7.30 Hungarian State SO/Ferencsik, pt 1: Mozart (Sym 40).†
7.55 Talk: What is Post-Imprescionicm?

b.00 Newt.
6.30 Going Places.
7.00 Newt.
7.05 The Archest.
7.20 Pick of the Week.†
8.30 Any Questions?
9.15 Letter from America.
9.30 Kaleidoscope. 10.00 The World Tonight. 10.35 Week Frair-10.35 Week Ending.†
11.00 A Book at Bedrime.
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
11.45 Play: A Push of the Domino.
12.00 News. sionism? 8.15 HSSO, pe 2: Mozart (Requiem).†
9.20 The Vision of Piers the Ploughman (9).†
9.50 Record: Vaughan Williams.†
10.25 Story: Second Best, by D. 2,15 zm-12.23 Weather. H. Lawrence. 10.50 London Sinfonietta/Zollman, etc : Ferneyhough, Finnissy,

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6.58 am Regional news, weather,
7.50 Regonal news, weather,
9.05-10.30 Schools: Contact; People at Work; Country Dancing;
Notice Board II; Music Workshop,
10.45-12.00 Schools: A Corner for
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6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today.

6.30 Today. 7,00, 8.00 News. 7,30, 8.30 Headlines. 8,35 Yesterday in Parliament.

10.00 News. 10.05 From Our Own Correspon-

11.05 The Day the Dinosaurs Died. 11.50 Bird of the Week.

9.00 News. 9.05 Desert Island Discs. 9.45 Enquire Within.

12.02 pm. You and Yours. 12.27 My Music.†

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4.45 Story: No Man's Land. 5.00 PM.

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10.62 Marks in his Diary, 10.30
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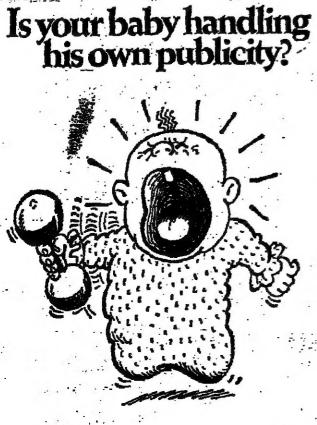
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13 Victor William (9).

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DEATHS
MORDEM.—On March 35th at 5t.
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PETTICAN.—On March 26th, in Worthing Hospital, lay May.
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**Anthony James).

**To Cilif and Annauda—a drughter (Emily Louise).

**Jenkins.—On Wednesday 36th March, of St. Thomas Mospital. to Flora Ince Nicoli and David —a son (Edward Stanmard).

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WILLWAY.—On 25th March, 1980, neacefully, in hospital, Brigadler Codric Willway, C.B., C.B.E., T.D. aged 81, of kilogic. Orthord Drive, wvo. East, beloved husband of Frances, lather of Michael and Elabert, page 1981, and properly of the street of Michael and Elabert, page 1981, and properly of the street of Michael and Elabert, family Houses only. Denations. If desired to Royal British Lopion Bengrolent Fund. 49, Pall Mall. Unland, S.W.1.

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COLLINS, GEORGE PHILIP,—On March 23th aged 59. He was a Canon of Leeds Diocesan Chapter, former parish pricer of St. Robert's, Harzonate, and S. Marie's, Sheffield, Brother of Harry, Arthur, Frank, Margaret and the late William James Collins, Requiem Wass, ST. Sheffield, Wednesday, April 2nd, 31 a.m. May the rest in peace.

April 2nd, 11 a.m. May he rest in peace. On March 21th, 1980, peachfully at St. John Nursing Home. Whitship Clemence Frenc, widow of Hea-bert Crichard and very down of homes. best Critchard and very store sister of Ethel Bushell and aum of Dorsen.

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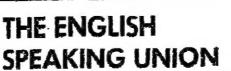
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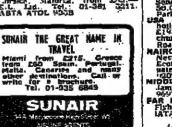
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